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Tomorrow's threatened rail strike is likely to be called off today after talks yesterday between unions and British Rail on union complaints that railway workers were being harassed for supporting the miners' strike.

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The editorial staff of *Le Monde*, the French daily newspaper, has elected M André Fontaine, aged 63, as editor-in-chief.

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Lord Allen of Fallowfield, general secretary of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers for 17 years until 1979, has died aged 70.
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Crisis moves buy breathing space for weak sterling

By David Smith and Anthony Bevins

The pound jumped more than a cent to $1.1205 against the dollar yesterday, as currency speculators called a halt to the run on sterling. Foreign exchange dealers gave a warning, however, that Monday's crisis moves on interest rates had merely bought breathing space for the pound, and that there had been no fundamental change in market sentiment.

The sterling index rose 0.5 to 71.5, as the pound recorded gains against most currencies. The City took comfort from the pound's improvement, with the *Financial Times* 30-share index gaining 12.5 to 961.8.

The pound's rise was tentative, however, and sterling is still regarded as highly vulnerable, dealers said.

The Prime Minister told the Commons that the exchange crisis had not been confined to sterling and that the strength of the dollar had hit other European currencies.

Mrs Thatcher said during Prime Minister's question time that record lows had been reached against the dollar by the Swiss and French franc and the Italian lira. The Dmark had also hit a 12-year low.

She said: "No single country has enough reserves to counter the large volumes of currency moved around the world."

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, repeatedly returned to the attack against the Government's economic "shambles" and asked the Prime Minister to sack her Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the Shadow economic affairs spokesman, said later that the Prime Minister was deceiving herself and attempting to delude the country by pretending that the sterling crisis had been caused by the dollar's strength; it had been caused by the underlying weakness of the economy.

Nevertheless, Mrs Thatcher told the House: "Britain is still worth investing in."

The value of the pound dropped below that of the Russian rouble yesterday, for the first time. The Soviet state bank quoted the pound as being worth 99.38 kopeks in yesterday's official exchange rate list, published in the daily newspaper *Izvestia*. A year ago the rate was 1.1307 roubles.

In New York Monday's defence of the pound by the Government failed to impress the market.

Mr Alfred Roth, chief foreign exchange dealer at *Chemical Bank* in New York, said: "The hike in interest rates bought time for the pound but from a trading standpoint things are pretty much the same. People still see Great Britain as a one-commodity economy and that commodity, oil, is falling in price." Folk here are still talking about pound/dollar parity."

Mr Peter Rogers, head of Manufacturers' Hanover Trust's foreign exchange department in New York, said: "The British Government has got a breathing space rather than a permanent turnaround for the pound. I can's believe the Government would allow it, but the market here believes parity can happen."

The money markets opened in London yesterday convinced that the 2.5 point rise in base rates since last Friday was not enough. The three-month inter-bank rate rose to 12¾ per cent, indicating up to 1 extra on base rates, before easing back to 12½.

However, money market traders said that any signs of weakness for the pound will push up rates again to a level at which bank base rates of 12 per cent will be too low.

Mr David Morrison, currency economist at Simon & Coates, the stockbrokers, said: "The Government was unlucky in the foreign exchanges on Monday, it was lucky yesterday. But we are not out of the woods yet."

The pound's rise yesterday reflected profit-taking in the American dollar, on news of prime rate cuts by two US banks, and a 0.1 per cent fall in retail sales in America last month.

The dollar was also hit by by persistent market rumours that the Group of Five finance ministers and central bankers of the United States, Britain, Germany, Japan and France, will launch a plan to bring down the dollar by coordinated intervention in the markets.

The Group of Five meets in Washington over the next two days and, while the strength of the dollar will be discussed, agreement on a plan to lower its value is unlikely.

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Sterling news: Mrs Thatcher leaving 10 Downing Street yesterday for the Commons debate on the economy and the pound.

Tebbit sets terms for BAe sale

By Jonathan Davis
Business Correspondent

The Government is planning to sell its remaining 48 per cent interest in British Aerospace by the early summer, Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced yesterday in his first Commons statement since he was injured in last year's Brighton bomb blast.

His remaining shares in the former state-owned aircraft manufacturer will be sold on the stock market, probably in May. The sale is expected to raise about £350 million for the Treasury, and will be the first contribution to the record £2,500 million target for the asset sales proceeds which Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, has pencilled in for the coming financial year.

The decision to dispose of the shares was only taken a few days ago, but Mr Tebbit flatly denied suggestions that the Government had been rushed into the sale because of the threat to its financial strategy posed by the sterling crisis. Mr Tebbit said that the Government had clearly signalled its intention to sell its minority holdings in denationalized companies last year.

He said that special steps would be taken to ensure that the company could not fall into foreign hands.

British Aerospace was nationalized by the last Labour Government in 1977. It became the first big industrial concern to be privatized by 50 per cent of its shares were sold to the public in February 1981.

That sale raised £150m, but since then its shares have more than doubled, and the Government's 48 per cent holding was valued at £355 million last night. Trading in the shares was suspended yesterday morning in advance of Mr Tebbit's statement.

The sale of the Government's share will be accompanied at the same time by the company offering new shares of its own in a bid to raise up to £150 million of new capital for what Sir Austin Pearce, the chairman, described as its own longer term financial requirements. The unusual hybrid issue, the first of its kind in the privatization programme, could affect the price the Government obtains.

British Aerospace is one of Britain's largest industrial companies, employing 54,000 people. It manufactures a wide range of civil and military aircraft **Kenneth Fleet, page 17**

Khomeini approves suicide hit-squad

By Our Foreign Staff

Iran has set up a special military unit to recruit and train suicide squads to carry out terrorist operations in countries opposed to Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic republic, according to documents obtained by an Iranian opposition movement and supplied to *The Times*.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan and France are named as prime targets of the unit, which is called the "independent brigade of irregular warfare in enemy territories".

A leading figure behind the creation of the new unit is said to be Mr Husain Musawi, leader of the Islamic Jihad organization, which has claimed responsibility for suicide attacks in the past three years on American and French establishments in Beirut and Kuwait.

According to the documents, the secondment is being requested of specialized military instructors who should be under 30 years old, preferably bachelors and who "must be completely committed to martyrdom".

One of the documents is an invitation, dated May 19, 1984, from the Minister of Islamic Guidance, Ayatollah Mohammad Khatami, to 12 ministers, military commanders, heads of department and Ayatollah Baqer Hakim, a pro-Iranian Iraqi Shiite clergyman who leads the self-styled Supreme Assembly af the Islamic Revolution of Iraq in Iran, to attend a meeting at Ayatollah Khatami's office a week later.

The second document purports to be minutes of the meeting, though itj only records the introductory speeches of the ayatollah and a mysterious figure referred to by the code name of Mirhashem.

"All your eminences here are fully acquainted with his face," Ayatollah Khatami said in the minutes, "but for the sake of prudence, let us refer to him as brother Mirhashem."

A spokesman for the London office of Dr Shahpur Bakhtiar, the former Iranian prime minister, whose National Movement of the Iranian Resistance has acquired the documents, said the mystery man was Mr Musawi.

He is Iranian by upbringing and nationality, though he has for some time been based in northern Lebanon.

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Revolt within NUM gathers impetus

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The impetus towards two rival unions in the mining industry gathered pace yesterday when area leaders of the 3,100 traditionally moderate pitmen in South Derbyshire decided to join the rebellion against the National Union of Mineworkers now under way in Nottinghamshire.

As the two sides in the conflict over colliery closures drifted further apart, another 574 men returned to work for the first time since the dispute began last March, according to official figures from the National Coal Board.

Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the NCB, was today due to meet Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the NUM, for the first time in nearly three months at a gathering of social welfare and trade benevolent organizations in London. But after confirming that the face-to-face meeting would take place, the board later disclosed it had been cancelled.

The about-face indicates just how far apart the two sides are in spite of the NUM's "olive branch" offer to take its entire 26-man national executive into any resumption of negotiations.

National officials of the mineworkers' union yesterday met Mr Stan Orme, Shadow Energy Secretary, for informal talks on the progress of the strike. As he arrived at the House of Commons, Mr Scargill said: "We have intimated our willingness to negotiate, but the NCB have not given any intimations to the union of wanting to re-establish talks."

While the negotiating minuet ground to a halt in London events in the coalfields accelerated. The South Derbyshire NUM executive decided to recommend a change of the local rule book to a delegate conference of branch officials tomorrow that exactly follows the revolt in Nottinghamshire.

The coalfield's miners, who have defied the strike call practically to a man, will be recommended to delete national rule 30 which recognizes the authority of the pro-strike national executive.

An NCB spokesman in the area said: "On the face of it, it does look like there are going to be two trade unions in the East Midlands. The board will consider the position after the NUM delegate conference on January 29, when Nottinghamshire may be expelled. We shall make a decision then on who it will be that we negotiate with".

Yesterday, Mr Henry Richardson, the ousted left-wing secretary of Nottinghamshire miners, took up his new role as leader of the official NUM in the coalfield, looking for office in the Mansfield area.

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Lawson decries jobs creation 'witchcraft'

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, last night dismissed appeals for an increase in public sector investment in order to stimulate employment, describing such a policy as "this ancient form of witchcraft".

He told the House of Commons during an Opposition sponsored debate on the reduction of unemployment through public investment: "If growth and employment and economic success were simply a matter of public expenditure, everybody would have a successful economy".

But he did identify the pressure for increased public spending as one of the causes of "turbulence" which had reacted against the pound.

He said there had been a feeling in the market that the Government might have lost the willingness and the ability to control its affairs so as to maintain the downward pressure on inflation. Instead he told the House: "In no circumstances will this Government take risks with inflation."

He also emphasized the Government's complete commitment to a policy of tax cuts and lower public expenditure.

The Chancellor said that his critics were the slaves to theory. Commonsense showed that the country could hardly become more efficient and create more jobs by burdening people with more taxation to pay for even higher public expenditure.

But Mr Edward Heath, the former Conservative Prime Minister, directly challenged Mr Lawson when he told the House: "I am an avowed advocate of what the Chancellor called voodoo witchcraft."

Mr Heath said that the high levels of unemployment in the North were "shameful" and that public works directly created jobs and helped to deal with unemployment. Mr Heath also appealed to the Chancellor, sitting just feet away on the Government front bench, to tell the country his policy for creating employment and for dealing with the international economic crisis created by the United States.

Earlier, opening the debate, Mr Roy Hattersley, shadow spokesman on economic affairs, said that the evidence was overwhelming that tax cuts worth £1,500 million would not reduce unemployment by anything like the amount it would be reduced if the same amount of money was spent on direct job creation.

Mr Hattersley also warned that the country's infrastructure was collapsing and if it continued to deteriorate at the present rate, it would become impossible to remedy the problems of compound neglect. But he had little hope that the Chancellor would mend his ways. "While he remains in office," he said, "combining strategic ineptitude with tactical incompetence, there is no hope of reducing unemployment in this country."

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Rise in crop income 'misleading'

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Farm incomes in the United Kingdom rose by an estimated £324 million or 22 per cent last year, more than compensating for a fall of £299 million in 1983.

Those figures, published yesterday in the Government's annual review of agriculture, are almost wholly the result of the record "golden harvest", when grain production soared by nearly five million tonnes to 26.5 million tonnes.

But Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, told MPs that farm incomes were still 8 per cent below 1982, and well below the levels achieved in the mid-1970s. The imbalance between the arable and the livestock sectors underlined the urgent need for reform of the EEC common agricultural policy, he said.

Sir Richard Butler, president of the National Farmers' Union, described the increase shown in the review as misleading. In reality, farm prices were lagging behind production costs, and investment was static while the industry's debts mounted.

Mr William de Sallis, chief economics and land use adviser to the Country Landowners' Association, said that 8 per cent of last year's farm earnings would be swallowed up in meeting the extra cost of the rise in interest charges announced in the past few days.

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Maxwell sells Fleet stake

Pergamon Press, the private publishing group led by Mr Robert Maxwell, has sold its 15.76 per cent stake in Fleet Holdings, the *Daily Express* and *Sunday Express* group, to United Newspapers for £30.6 million, our City Editor writes. United already owns a series of magazines and provincial newspapers, including *Punch, Exchange and Mart, Yorkshire Post* and *Sheffield Star*.

The deal will leave Pergamon with £20 million cash and 3.4 million United shares, 4.5 per cent of its equity. United already owns 2.1 million, or 18.25 per cent.

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Shetlands bask amid the freeze

By Rupert Morris

Snow covered the South-east of England yesterday, and the freezing weather is expected to continue until next week. The Shetlands, for a change, were the warmest place in Britain at five° C (41°F).

Kent and Essex were among the worst-hit, with up to 10ins of snow falling. At least 50 of Kent's 794 schools closed for the day, and most of Essex's 713 schools sent their pupils home early. Schools also closed in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire.

Villages in East Anglia were cut off by snow drifts, and many minor roads became impassable. In Kent, the Isle of Sheppey was cut off, and several major roads blocked.

Emergency services were kept at full stretch, and in Kent all non-emergency ambulance journeys were cancelled. Council gritters worked through the night in Kent and Essex, but in some areas heavy snow covered the grit. The Essex towns of Harwich and Clacton were cut off for a while yesterday morning by five foot drifts. The East Midlands airport near Derby was closed for more than six hours after overnight snow.

The Automobile Association said drivers had become used to the conditions. A spokesman said: "Two weeks ago these conditions would have produced havoc on the roads, but today everyone is coping remarkably well".

Today will be even colder, according to the London Weather Centre, with no prospect of temperatures rising above freezing until next week. Further heavy snowfalls are not expected.

Israel predicts massacres will follow pullout

There are growing fears that Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon will lead to a new round of vicious inter-communal warfare, when it begins next month (Christopher Walker writes from Jerusalem).

Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, warned yesterday of the "very real possibility" of massacres in the areas vacated. He said this was why he was still pressing hard for an agreement with the Lebanese and Syrians on future security arrangements.

Israel expressed its concern to Mr Brian Urquhart, the special United Nations envoy who began an urgent shuttle mission between Jerusalem, Beirut and Damascus yesterday, designed to break the deadlock in the withdrawal talks

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British brothers bayonetted in Mozambique

Lisbon (AP) – Mozambican rebels flagged down a car driven by two Britons near the South African border on Sunday and killed the pair with bayonets, the Mozambique National News Agency AIM reported yesterday.

Military sources at the Mozambican border town of Moamba said the two men had been identified as brothers Mr Peter Gerald Hunt, aged 49, and Mr Christopher Peter Hunt, aged 24.

The two men crossed the border from South Africa and apparently misunderstood a warning by border guards to wait for three other cars heading in the same direction to avoid possible attacks by Mozambique National Resistance Guerrillas. The warning was given in Portuguese.

Servicemen made to lie in nuclear dust, hearing told

By Pat Healy

Servicemen were made to "crawl, lie, walk and run" in radioactive dust after one of Britain's nuclear tests, despite a service order that men should be exposed to radiation only where there was "demonstrable, operational necessity".

Seamen were made to sail through a radioactive cloud, created by the biggest of the tests which Ministry of Defence senior officials later described as "a waste of money", the Australian Royal Commission investigating the safety of the tests was told in London yesterday.

Lord Penney, the British scientist in charge of the test programme, told the commission yesterday that he knew the military had exposed men in those ways, but said he did not know the level of radiation they had received. He said the experiments had been conducted carefully and had been checked according to plans made at the time.

But the experiments had been conducted on military orders, and the military had its own scientific advisers about safety levels.

Lord Penney said he was not aware of fleet orders issued by the Admiralty in January 1951 on the exposure to gamma radiation of personnel on British ships. The order said there was one overriding principle which should never be lost sight of.

"It is this. All radiation dosage, however small, is harmful. The only excuse for exposing men to it is demonstrable, operational necessity."

Lord Penney agreed that similar knowledge would have been available at the time to the other services, which would have been expected to have issued similar orders. But he denied that it meant that, at service level, it was accepted that there was no safe threshold dose of radiation.

Lord Penney had drawn up radiological protection guidelines on advice from the Medical Research Council which allowed for a low threshold dose.

Mr Greg James, QC, representing the Australian veterans of the tests, said that HMS Diana had steamed through the radioactive cloud created by the second Mosaic test on Monte Bello Islands, off Western Australia, within three hours of the explosion. The intention had been for the ship to receive as much fall out as possible.

Lord Penney said the second Mosaic test, which resulted in a radioactive cloud being blown accidentally across the mainland of Australia, had been necessary because the first had not produced the required yield.

Mr Peter McClellan, the barrister assisting the commission, suggested that the test had been "criticized". Lord Penney said he did not remember that.

Mr McClellan quoted from a Ministry of Defence extract from a still classified file that senior officials had described it as a waste of between £3 million and £4 million.

The commission will resume public hearings on Monday.

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MPs reject advertising on BBC as Ashton Bill divides Labour

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The House of Commons last night rejected, by 159 votes to 118, the idea of allowing the BBC to raise revenue through advertising on television.

A ten-minute rule Bill, proposed by Mr Joe Ashton, Labour MP for Bassetlaw, was the first test of parliamentary opinion on the controversial issue, and it immediately provoked an astonishing public dispute on the Labour benches.

In a highly personal attack, Mr Brian Sedgemore, MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch, accused Mr Ashton of abandoning his socialist principles, misleading the public, and attempting to kill public service broadcasting by handing the BBC over to commercial interests.

Although Mr Ashton's proposals were successfully opposed in a free vote, they received considerable support from Conservative backbenchers, a point that will not escape the notice of Mrs Thatcher, a supporter of limited advertising, especially as ministers and aides did not vote.

Mr Ashton said the BBC's proposal to increase the licence fee to £65 a year would bear very heavily on the poorer section of the community.

"It is not that they don't want to pay a £65 television licence fee: it is just they they can never afford to pay the whole £65 fee", he said.

Mr Ashton, who was cheered loudly by Labour MPs when he admitted that a number of his colleagues were opposed in principle to advertising maintained that the BBC would have to show just one commercial an hour to be able to keep the licence fee at its present level of £46.

Not all programmes need contain advertising. The BBC could choose to carry advertising with *Dynasty, Dallas, Hi-de-Hi* and *Blankety-Blank*, but leave *Panorama* and *Newsnight* alone.

There was already massive unofficial advertising on the BBC every day, mainly involving sporting events.

Mr Sedgemore said he never expected a Labour MP to introduce a Bill which put the BBC in private hands, and he had been horrified by the way Mr Adshton had run his campaign on the radio and Press in favour of advertising.

"He knows the long term calamitous consequences of what he is proposing, but he simply does not care. By bringing this Bill before the House he is combining, as only he is capable, rampant populism and philistinism, with a profound ignorance of television."

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Mr Lynk (left) and Mr Prendergast: unlikely targets for villification

Working miners' leaders in waiting

From Craig Seton
Mansfield

Mr Roy Lynk and Mr David Prendergast bristle with anger at any suggestion that they have organized a "breakaway" union in Nottinghamshire where they have emerged from their low profile full-time posts to become, effectively, the leaders of the coalfield's 28,000 working miners.

The Nottinghamshire area faces expulsion from the National Union of Mineworkers on January 29 unless it retreats from rule changes made to give it independence from the authority of the national body.

Mr Henry Richardson, the pro-strike general secretary in Nottinghamshire, was stripped of his full-time post on Tuesday and Mr Ray Chadburn, the area president, says his own position is now "untenable".

That has left Mr Lynk, aged 52, and Mr Prendergast, aged 37, in charge of the Nottinghamshire "dissidents". For 10 months they have remained out of the spotlight while the divisions arising from the miners' strike have spread around them, but by yesterday they were facing up to the fact that it will be up to them to lead the Nottinghamshire moderates to an independent union existence if expulsion goes ahead.

Their full-time positions, financial secretary and agent and pensions and benevolent officer respectively, are hardly bastions of trade union power, but the two men believe the support of the area's working miners gives them the authority and strength they need to stand firm.

They seem unlikely targets for the vilification being heaped on them by the left for their support of the Nottinghamshire miners who voted by 73 per cent to defy the strike. Both men are Labour supporters and trade unionists, and started work in the pits in their teens. Mr Lynk was a branch secretary in Nottinghamshire for 18 years and Mr Prendergast the youngest branch secretary in the county.

Mr Lynk, who is now acting general secretary, followed his father and grandfather into the pits at the age of 14 and his son, aged 18, has now carried on the tradition into the fourth generation. Mr Lynk has five other children.

In his early twenties he contracted an industrial disease of the wrist (those were the days of the pick and shovel) felt he was unfairly treated when he returned to work and eventually stood for union office against an official he felt had not helped him.

Mr Lynk, who says he is a Labour supporter in the Wilson-Callaghan tradition, has been a full-time official in Nottinghamshire for the past five years.

He said yesterday "At the start of this struggle I was in favour of fighting pit closures, but 73 per cent of Nottinghamshire men said they would not strike without a national ballot and I have not moved an inch since then in my support of them."

He added: "If we are expelled we will have to go to the membership and say we need a general secretary in Nottinghamshire and then it will be up to them. They want to belong to a union where they have some kind of control."

Mr Prendergast, married with three children, is a forceful self-confident person who shoots off his views in rapid fire. He admitted quite candidly: "I wanted to be a Nottinghamshire miners' leader because they are the finest people and it would be an honour to serve them".

Mr Prendergast would not commit himself on whether he would stand for office as general secretary in Nottinghamshire if the expulsion went ahead but he said: "I would not shirk my responsibilities. If I was asked I would respond, but at the moment it is only speculation."

Cardinal Glemp to visit Poles in Britain

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

Cardinal Jozef Glemp of Poland is to make his first visit to Britain next month, it was announced yesterday.

He is coming for 10 days to talk to senior church leaders, to visit the Polish communities in Britain, and to convey his thanks for British voluntary help to Poland in the past few years.

He will be the guest in England of Cardinal Basil Hume of Westminster and in Scotland of Cardinal Gordon Gray of Edinburgh. He is also expected to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie.

No arrangements have apparently been made so far for him to meet government ministers; the announcement emphasized that the visit was "pastoral". But such a meeting would not be unlikely.

The Rt Rev Jerzy Dabrowski, secretary of the Polish Bishops' Conference, is in London arranging details of the visit.

In addition to the fund for assistance to Polish children, voluntary agencies in Britain have organized collections of money and food for Poland at times of economic difficulty.

Unions will defy TUC on ballot cash

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Union leaders of nearly 1.5 million engineering and electrical workers yesterday confirmed their intention to defy TUC policy on acceptance of state cash aid for secret ballots.

The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union now face the risk of suspension from the Trades Union Congress at next week's meeting of the TUC general council.

Their rebellion will be discussed this morning at a meeting of the TUC's key employment policy and organization committee, but no firm conclusions are likely. A confidential policy paper from Congress House staff calls for delay on the whole issue of how the labour movement should respond to the trade union legislation, even though the original boycott strategy is falling into disrepute.

The British Air Line Pilots' Association has joined the ranks of those seeking to take advantage of the Employment Act 1980 provisions for recompensing unions for the cost of ballots before strikes and for the election of national executives. And the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians, with 300,000 members, is also reconsidering its position.

Unions have to apply for retrospective payments before February 4, and it is clear that the engineering workers and the electricians will not be deflected from their intention to take advantage of the legislation. The AUEW stands to gain about £1.5 million.

Both unions have used the system of secret ballots for union elections for the past decade.

Mr Eric Hammond, general-secretary of the EETPU, said: "We certainly have no wish to find ourselves at loggerheads with the TUC, but we believe our case is honourable, realistic, and in the best interests of our members. We stand by our original decision and very much hope that the collective wisdom of the trade union movement will ensure that this matter is laid to rest".

The million-strong AUEW will announce the result of a membership ballot on the issue in two weeks.

Curbs for onshore oil field

By John Young

Oil companies seeking to develop new onshore fields will be required to show that the need for the development outweighs the environmental objections, under the terms of a new circular issued yesterday by the Department of the Environment.

It acknowledges "Considerable public concern about the possible effects on the countryside and on local communities, and about how far it is possible to strike an acceptable balance between the exploitation of this important national resource and the protection of the environment."

Production of oil and gas from the North Sea is expected to peak around 1985-86, and new fields are needed, both on and off shore, to take over from those now in decline, it says. But the nation's interest in developing indigenous onshore oil and gas can be in conflict with that of protecting the environment.

The value of onshore oil production this year is expected to be around £50 million, it says.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England said last night that for the first time the Government had recognized explicitly that there should be "no go" areas for oil and gas exploration.

Planning Control over Oil and Gas Operations. Stationery Office £2.60.



Mr Henry Richardson: Stripped of his office

NUR gives details on loan to miners

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The National Union of Railwaymen has complied with a request to supply details of the £100,000 loan it made to the National Union of Mineworkers by the sequestrators appointed to seize the NUM's £8 million assets.

The union's compliance comes a few hours before it was due to appear in the High Court today to reply to orders requiring it to give such details.

Lawyers for the sequestrators, appointed from the City firm of accountants Price Waterhouse, are studying the information and it is likely that it will be placed before the court for a judge to determine if the loan constitutes a contempt of court.

There are a number of other civil actions pending. Tomorrow there will be a preliminary hearing in an action challenging mass picketing. The action by 19 Yorkshire miners accuses Mr Arthur Scargill, NUM president and other NUM leaders of conspiracy to assault and intimidate working miners and involves claims for damages.

● The European Parliament has launched an inquiry into alleged police violence during the miners strike, after a campaign by Mr Les Huckfield, Labour MEP for Merseyside East.

Representatives of all political parties are expected to visit picket line trouble spots in the course of its inquiry and a report will be presented to the parliament.

● Mr Bob McSporran, aged 41, a striking miner from Elliston colliery, Leicester, was yesterday elected to the national executive of the NUM. He replaces Mr Roy Ottey

1,000 jobs cut in research

A cut of more than 1,000 jobs is planned in the laboratory and administrative staffs of the Natural Environment Research Council, our Science Editor writes. The reduction, to take place over five years from April, is one of a number of changes to cope with a decline of 5 per cent a year in the funds for most of the 11 research institutes supported by the council.

The manpower will be cut from 3,130 to 2,230. At the same time, a larger proportion of the council's funds will go in direct support of environmental sciences in universities.

Details of the new arrangements sent to the directors of the council's research units shows that the money for research, of £92.5 million in the current financial year, is expected to decline to £78.5 million over the next five years.

Computers to benefit jobless

Unemployment benefit claimants will be assisted by a multi-million pound computer system due to begin operations in the autumn.

Honeywell Information Systems has been awarded the £33 million contract for the supply of 10,500 visual display units or terminals which will link up with 900 mini-computers scattered among the 800 benefit offices around the country. The system will be fully installed by the end of 1987.

Shot man 'begged for help'

Mr Ravindra Mhatre, an Indian diplomat who was abducted in Birmingham in February last year was allowed to write letters pleading for his life before being shot three times and killed by a squad of Kashmiri extremists, it was alleged at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Mhatre, the assistant commissioner at the Indian High Commission in Birmingham, wrote the letters to senior colleagues asking for help, Mr Igor Judge, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Abdul Raja, aged 27, from Paris, France and Muhammad Riaz aged 22, of Jarrom St, Liverpool denied murder, kidnapping and unlawful imprisonment. Muhammad Bhatti, aged 43, of Alum Rock Road, Birmingham; Jaghtu Mirza aged 24, of Membury Road, Saltley, Birmingham, and Abdul Ansari, aged 25, of Wright Road, Saltley, denied kidnapping, unlawful imprisonment and assisting an offender. Muhammad Ishaq, aged 27, of Lincoln Road, Luton, denies assisting an offender.

The trial continues today.

Court told of dealings in ordnance

A former top manager at a Royal Ordance factory said yesterday that he stole ammunition and a rocket launcher and sold them for thousands of pounds to a former policeman turned arms dealer.

Wesley Harris, aged 58, told Chester Crown Court he would go to the factory at Alsager, Cheshire, on his bicycle, steal the ammuniton and hide it in a basement for later collection.

Harris, of Heath End Road, Alsager, has admitted three charges of stealing more than 28,000 rounds of ammunition and a rocket launcher form the factory. He was giving evidence at the trial of Anthony Chapman, aged 38, an arms dealer of Norton Green, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, who has denied three charges of handling the stolen ammunition and rocket launcher.

The trial continues today.

Guidelines on nursing homes

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

Detailed guidance for health authorities on how to register and inspect the rapidly growing number of private nursing homes was published yesterday, with government support.

Under legislation which came into force on January 1, private and voluntary nursing homes, of which there are between 1,200 and 1,300, and which now contain almost 40,000 patients, will have to be inspected twice a year. The number of patients has risen by a third in six years.

New machinery to de-register homes has been introduced which broadly takes such issues out of magistrates courts, where health and local authorities have had difficulty in convincing magistrates that a home should be closed when efforts to improve its standards have failed.

Instead authorities now have powers to ask a magistrate to de-register, with home owners having the right to appeal to a tribunal which will consist of a lawyer, a doctor and nurse.

A national "blacklist" is also being created of owners of homes of which the registration has been cancelled.

Ghost town warning for Dover

By Jonathan Davis
Business Correspondent

Dover will become a "ghost town" and most of the short-haul Channel ferries will go out of business if a Channel tunnel is built, the new owner of Sealink said yesterday. Sea Containers, the Bermuda-based shipping group which bought Sealink from British Rail last summer, also announced a number of changes in its ferry services, which will lead to the expansion of Harwich and Folkestone, but reductions at Dover, Newhaven and Holyhead.

In a blunt attack on the plans for a fixed road or rail link across the Channel, which are now being considered by the Government, Mr James Sherwood, the chairman of Sea Containers, said: "I can say with certainty that once the tunnel is open, Sealink UK and all the other operators, will be out of business on all the routes which connect south-east England and the range of ports from Dieppe to Zeebrugge". He said that his company would be joining the Dover Harbour Board and all other interested parties in opposing the scheme.

Mr Sherwood said he did not believe that a tunnel could be financed by the private sector without some sort of guarantees from the British and French governments. Although Mrs Thatcher has so far ruled out committing any public funds to a Channel fixed link, he feared that she may eventually decide it was a "necessary installation to tie Britain both socially and commercially to the European Community". If that happened, the Government might agree to guarantee a bond issue to finance the building of either a tunnel or a combined bridge and tunnel scheme.

Such a scheme would, however, take up to 10 years to get off the ground, and by then, Mr Sherwood said, British Ferries, the Sea Containers company which now owns Sealink, "would have redeployed its forces elsewhere".

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Correction

The photograph of the London Schools Symphony Orchestra on January 14 showed double-bass players not cellists.

BAA backs expansion

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

The British Airports Authority yesterday dropped its opposition to a fifth terminal at Heathrow, after the recommendations of Mr Graham Eyre, QC, the Stansted inquiry inspector, in December.

This means development of both Stansted and Heathrow in line with the inspector's findings is more likely, although the Government still faces widespread opposition in the Commons.

In a statement, the BAA board called urgently for a new terminal at Stansted by 1990 capable of handling 15 million passengers a year; "expeditious" removal of the Perry Oaks sludge works to provide additional capacity at Heathrow by the mid-1990s; and abandonment of the proposed limit of 275,000 flights a year when the fourth terminal at Heathrow becomes operational in the autumn.

The statement was welcomed by British Airways, which, unlike the authority, supported a fifth terminal at Heathrow throughout. The fullest development of Heathrow's potential was in the best interests of passengers, airlines, and Great Britain, the airline said.

Mr Eyre in his report, recommended that Stansted should be developd to the maximum capacity of its one existing runway (around 25 million passengers a year); a fifth terminal for Heathrow to raise capacity from 38 million in 1985 to 53 million in the 1990s; and dropping the proposed 275,000 limit on Heathrow flights.

Software firms blame pirates for big losses

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Supporters of a private member's Bill against computer software piracy have produced figures showing that serious damage to the industry has resulted from inadequate safeguards.

The Federation Against Software Theft (Fast), which has surveyed 27 companies, expects the Bill, introduced by Mr William Powell, Conservative MP for Corby, to have its second reading on February 22.

The 27 companies, microcomputer business software developers, said in 1982 that they had suffered serious losses from unauthorized copying.

Fast says that 10 companies (37 per cent) have now gone into liquidation or become intraceable. One other company, unable to survive on its own, has been taken over.

Of the remaining 16, three have moved out of developing new software and are now retailing it only. In addition, three companies have taken, or are in the process of taking, legal action against alleged pirates and a further three would have done so, but for the expense, Fast says.

Police force may have civilian head

By Stewart Tendler

A civilian may be recruited to take over the duties of assistant chief constable in one of Britain's largest police forces, after discussions between the Home Office and the force on management reorganization.

If the change goes ahead the civilian, recruited to the West Midlands force would not be in charge of police operations but become a senior executive controlling administration.

The development would cause consternation in police ranks, but some police representatives recognize that the police service, with a budget running to billions of pounds, needs properly-trained administrators to run extensive bureaucracies.

The police authority is understood to have approached the Home Office last year and a reorganization plan for the force has been drawn up reducing the number of assistant chief constables from six.

GLC bid to end tunnel tolls

The Greater London Council is prepared to buy the Dartford tunnel in order to abolish tolls and reduce congestion on the M25 orbital motorway around London.

A report before today's GLC transport committee meeting will point out that congestion at the tunnel is expected to increase and that "archaic and unnecessary tolls make it worse.

PIE case ends

Extradition proceedings against Steven Smith, aged 30, leader of the Paedophile Information Exchange, who fled to Holland last August while on bail, have been dropped, it was disclosed yesterday. Smith faced four charges of inciting people to commit unlawful sexual acts with minors, one of publishing an obscene article and sending indecent material through the post.

Terror watchdog

Sir Cyril Philips, chairman of the Police Complaints Board, was yesterday appointed outside scrutineer to monitor new anti-terrorist legislation, the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1984. He will write an annual review.

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B Frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 175; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 9.00; Finland Mk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.00; Greece Dr 120; Holland Gl 3.50; Iceland Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 195; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Lis 120; Singapore $8.50; Spain Pes 120; Sweden Skr 9.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 150

MP refers Murrell case to Thatcher

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, yesterday told the police that he believed that the Prime Minister could help them with their inquiries into the death of Miss Hilda Murrell.

The MP said in a Commons debate on December 19 that Miss Murrell had been killed after she had disturbed members of the intelligence services on March 21, as they were searching her Shrewsbury home for papers relating to the sinking of the General Belgrano during the 1982 Falklands conflict. Miss Murrell, aged 78, was the aunt of Commander Robert Green, a former naval officer who held a key intelligence post during the Falklands campaign.

In a letter to Mr Robert Cozens, Chief Constable of West Mercia, Mr Dalyell said yesterday: "The police should not be content with bland assurances that intelligence was not involved but should cross-question Sir Robert Armstrong (Secretary to the Cabinet), Mr Peter Marychurch (director of Government Communications Headquarters, Cheltenham), and some of their subordinates – and, indeed, the head of the security services, the Prime Minister – on how much they have been told, and when they were told it.

Mr Dalyell, who was yesterday questioned for more than three hours at the Commons by senior officers from the West Mercia force also said in his letter: "I do not know the identity of Miss Murrell's killer. All I can do is to point you in the direction of those who, I believe, can help – and this I have done."

During the Commons interview, led by Chief Det Supt David Cole, Mr Dalyell refused to disclose the identity of the sources who have alleged an intelligence link with the killing, but he did volunteer to take a lie detector test.

Mr Dalyell told Mr Cozens: "In anticipation of top-level ministerial meetings, involving the Prime Minister, intelligence was told to do everything possible to identify the origin of the leaks of information about the Belgrano. Under pressure to come up with information about the leaks, intelligence decided to 'take a look' at the house of the aunt of Commander Robert Green."

The MP told *The Times* last night: "It is a matter of fact that on March 19, I wrote a key letter to the Secretary of State for Defence. It is equally a matter of fact that intelligence intruders went into the house of Hilda Murrell on March 21. People have to draw their own conclusions about the juxtaposition of events."

Putney victims died of crushing and asphyxia

The inquest on five women and three men, killed in the gas explosion at Newnham House, Manor Fields, Putney, south west London last Thursday was opened at Battersea Coroners' Court yesterday and adjourned until February 5 when it is expected to be further adjourned.

Dr Rufus Crompton, director of the department of forensic medicine at St George's Hospital London, said most of the victims died from crush injuries and asphyxia.

The dead were identified as Mr Maurice Emberson, aged 74, a retired wine merchant and his wife Phyllis, aged 77, of flat 11; Mr Norman Wilkes, aged 68, a tour operator and his wife Janet, aged 70, of flat 7; Mrs Cassandra Weeks, aged 85, of flat 6; Mr Panayotis Mitropoulos, aged 39, a shipping executive, of flat 2; Mrs Elsie Kellerman, aged 65, of flat 4; and Miss Karen Krejci, aged 30, a gaming inspector, of flat 9.

Dr Paul Knapman, the coroner, said: "Relatives have the absolute right to attend the full inquest and ask questions of the witnesses being called."

French TV satellite wins

Television viewers in Britain will be tuning into English-speaking programmes beamed from a French satellite next year, two years before a British satellite can be launched.

The French govenment has confirmed that its satellite will be ready for launch by July of next year, and will come on air in the autumn. The French spacecraft called TDF-1, will have three channels. Two will be operated by Television Luxembourg – a television version of the radio station – and another by the French.

Flags Act repeal move to bolster Irish identity

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Government is studying measures to repeal legislation considered hostile to the Irish identity of Northern Ireland's minority Roman Catholics.

The most symbolic of those is the Flags and Emblems Act, which makes it an offence to fly the Irish tricolour if a breach of the peace is likely. Although the Act has been used infrequently, nationalists see it as part of unionism's inability and refusal to recognize their Irish identity.

Other reforms being considered include changes in the law which make it illegal for street names in the north to be in anything other than English, which effectively makes it an offence for names of streets to be in Gaelic.

Another area is in electoral law where nationalists want changes in rules restricting voting rights in local government and assembly elections for some people born in the republic.

The Government has yet to decide whether changes should be piecemeal or part of a package of measures, but believes that the timing of reform is important. It is anxious that the proposals are not seen as being an attempt by the Government to "prop up" the Social Democratic and Labour Party before the local government elections in May when they are again to be challenged for the nationalist vote by Provisional Sinn Fein.

Repeal of the Flag and Emblems Act was first recommended in 1974, and 11 years later, its removal from the statute book would raise passions in a province where flags and symbols are of paramount importance. Two tricolours flying on a leisure centre in nationalist west Belfast are now at the centre of a controversy.

● **The Irish Republic last night demanded the suspension from duty of Ulster Defence Regiment members after they killed a teenage joy-rider by firing up to 30 shots into a stolen car.**

Paul Kelly, aged 17, from the Whiterock area of west Belfast, had a conviction for joy-riding and had been due in court hours after his death to face a similar charge.

Many children work illegally and are exposed to accidents

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

A survey of schoolchildren aged between 11 and 16 shows that 40 per cent are working, most illegally, and that almost a third of those have had an accident at work.

The research was carried out by the Low Pay Unit and the Open University on 1,700 schoolchildren in London, Luton and rural Bedfordshire.

One in five worked in shops, and a similar number did manual jobs such as cleaning, furniture removals, building work, sewing machine and garage work, according to the report published today.

"While most child labour no longer conforms to the Dickensian stereotype of cruelty and exploitation, there are nevertheless reasons to be concerned at these high proportions of illegal employment", the Low Pay Unit says.

It adds that if one applies the 40 per cent of children who have a part-time job during term-time to the national scene, as many as 2.5 million children may be working part-time.

A total of 30 per cent had suffered accidents at work and almost one in 10 of those accidents was serious enough to merit a visit to the doctor.

One third of the working children said they suffered from fatigue, and fewer than one in five received any kind of protective clothing from employers.

The report says that, for many families, children's employment may be a question of necessity rather than choice. More than half the working children were earning £1 an hour or less in 1982-83, and about one fifth earned less than 50p an hour.

Most worked for 10 hours or fewer a week. But some, including one London boy working 36 hours a week for 17p an hour in a local shop, did a full-time job on top of school work.

The Low Pay Unit says that the regulations protecting children at work are patchily and poorly enforced. The Employment of Children Act 1973 has never been implemented because of lack of resources.

The unit calls for this law to be put into effect and for a public inquiry to look at how illegal employment can be stopped.

Working Children: Low Pay pamphlet No 34, from the Low Pay Unit, 9 Upper Berkeley St, London W1H 8BY. (£1.70 incl p & p.)

● Schools, colleges and universities are failing to provide rural communities with the education and training they need if they are to survive, according to a report published today.

The Arkleton Trust, which studies new approaches to rural development says in the report, *Education, Training and Rural Development*, that agricultural training is geared to the needs of large farmers, rather than to part-time smallholders who make up most of the population.

● A high-level deputation from the National Union of Teachers will meet Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, on Monday to discuss assessment of teachers. Letters, page 15



Stage award for Glenda Jackson

Camera angle: Sir John Gielgud, who presented the British Theatre Association's best actress award yesterday to Glenda Jackson for her performance in *Strange Interlude*.

The prize for best actor was shared by Brian Cox, *Rat In The Skull* and Antony Sher, *Richard III*. National Theatre directors, Peter Gill and Christopher Morahan, shared the best director prize, Mr Gill for *Venice Preserv'd* and *Fool for Love*, and Mr Morahan for *Wild Honey*.

Best supporting actress was Zoe Wanamaker for *Mother Courage* and best supporting actor Roger Lloyd Pack for *Wild Honey* and *One For The Road*, by Harold Pinter, which was also best new play.

London bargains for Concorde trippers

There are an estimated 85,000 Americans in Londpon trying to take advantage of the US dollar's unprecedented strength against the value of the British pound, according to the London Tourist Board.

That number represents a 20 per cent increase on last year, in what is considered the low season for tourists.

Many Americans have found that the strength of their currency means that they do not even have to stay the night but that the savings from shopping in London makes a one-day trip worthwhile.

Harrods reported that an American couple flew into London on Concorde for the first day of its winter sale, and flew out that same night, claiming that the cost of flying by Concorde had been cancelled out by the bargains at the Knightsbridge store.

A Californian customer spent all day yesterday at Harrods, completely fitting out his new house, buying everything from carpets to the kitchen sink.

While the high street stores are celebrating record sales due to the tourist boom, retailers yesterday expessed fears about London's capacity to accommodate so many bargain-hungry Americans.

"When the pound reaches parity with the dollar there will be an emotional landmark which will bring over the most unbelievable influx of tourists Britain has ever seen, and I do not think the facilities are there to house them," Mr Michael Ellis-Jones, managing director of Harvey Nichols, said.

Pathologist refused to handle Aids man's body

A pathologist refused to handle the body of a man who died from Aids because he was frightened of contracting the disease, it was claimed yesterday.

Professor David Bowen said he could not examine the body of Mr Edward Cairns because of his condition. When Mr Cairns, aged 34 an illustrator died, frightened mortuary staff would not take his body out of a sealed plastic bag and no post-mortem examination was held. Yesterday, the Hammersmith recorded an open verdict.

After the inquest, the coroners' officer, Mr Derek Briggs, said the reason why the pathologist would not carry out an examination was because of the "risk of infection". He said Professor Bowen reported to the court that "further examination of the body was precluded by the nature of his condition".

Mr Briggs added: "Most pathologists refuse to carry out the operation".

Mr Cairns, of Trenmer Gardens, north Kensington, west London, died in his bed. His body was found by a friend, Mr Noel Chapman.

After the inquest, Mr Cairns's GP Dr Charles Farthing, said: "It would have been useful if they had carried out a post mortem examination because we still don't know what causes Aids.

Savings shop to advise investors

Britain's first savings shop, intended to make high finance easier for the man in the street, opened yesterday in Hope Street, Glasgow.

The shop is claimed to be the first in Britain where people can carry out building society transactions, buy and sell shares, invest in unity trusts, take out insurance or a mortgage and get "free and unbiased" financial advice.

Three more surrogate babies expected

By Colin Hughes

Three more British surrogate mothers are pregnant with paid-for babies, with the first scheduled to deliver in the spring, it was confirmed yesterday.

Mrs Harriett Blankfeld, director of the American National Center for Surrogate Parenting, also said that Mrs Kim Cotton, the first British commercial surrogate mother, had not yet been paid the £6,500 she was contracted to receive from the agency.

Mrs Cotton, of Finchley, north London, gave birth 12 days ago. The High Court has granted care and control to the baby's natural father and his wife, who have taken the child to their home abroad.

Mrs Blankfeld said that Mrs Cotton may not be paid because she might be in breach of contract for selling her story to the *Daily Star* newspaper, for a reported £20,000. She added that legal advice is also being sought by the agency on whether criminal charges may be brought under the Adoption Act, which lays down sanctions against payment for transferring the custody of a child.

● Mr Peter Bruinvels, Conservative MP for Leicester East, yesterday called on the the Government to ban the use of National Health Service facilities for surrogate babies

● Women's bodies have become "living laboratories" for test-tube baby researchers, while the babies are being regarded as consumer products, Dr Robyn Rowland, a psychologist who resigned from Australia's leading in-vitro fertilization centre, said yesterday

"I think some of these techniques are so reprehensible that we must do something to make sure we don't just gallop ahead without knowing what is going on," she said at a meeting of opponents to IVF research on embryos in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Queen visits Princess

The Queen yesterday interrupted her new year holiday at Sandringham to visit her sister Princess Margaret for the first time since the Princess's operation to remove a small portion of her left lung, which proved not to be malignant.

Travelling in an Andover of the Queen's Flight, the Queen flew from RAF Marham, near Sandringham, to RAF Northolt. Princess Margaret is recuperating at home at Kensington Palace after eight days in the Brompton Hospital, where she was taken after complaining of chest pains.

The Queen is expected to fly back to Sandringham tomorrow.

Fluoride link to cancer rejected

Adding fluoride to water does not cause cancer or increase the death rate from the disease, a government working party has concluded.

Reports from the United States and elsewhere that added fluoride does cause cancer are due to "errors in data, errors in analytical techniques and errors in scientific logic", the working party, led by Professor George Knox, Professor of Social Medicine at Birmingham University says.

Fluoridation of Water and Cancer: Stationery Office (£6.70p).

Ex-race trainer sent for trial

Andrew John Young, aged 28, a former racehorse trainer, of Whitehouse Stud, Newmarket, was committed for trial yesterday to York Crown Court by Magistrates at Malton North Yorkshire, on four charges of theft, involving £6,400.

Reporting restrictions were lifted during the brief hearing and Mr Barry Newton, for the prosecution, asked to call 14 witnesses including Kevin Bond, the Southampton footballer.

Lord Linley fails to attend court

Lord Linley, aged 23, Princess Margaret's son, who was listed at St Albans Magistrates' Court to face a charge of exceeding the 70 mph limit on the M1 in Hertfordshire, failed to answer the speeding summons yesterday.

Police said a new summons will be sent by recorded delivery to Lord Linley's address at Kensington Palace.

Reform of laws on child custody urged

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Widescale reforms to prevent "tug-of-love" children falling victim to clashing legal systems within the United Kingdom, are urged by the Law Commission of England and Wales and Scottish Law Commission in a report published yesterday.

At present custody orders made in one part of the United Kingdom may have little effect in another, and in each part the procedures for enforcing the orders are full of loopholes, the report says.

The result is that parents are tempted to flout the law in their fight to secure custody, and in spite of courts' efforts to put the needs of children first, they end up the victims.

In an example of the defects, the commissions cite a case of a child, John, aged 10, who lives in England with his mother. His father, who lives in Scotland, starts divorce there. Both English and Scottish courts can decide on the boy's custody. The Scottish court gives the father custody, the English court awards it to the mother.

The report outlines a number of proposals for reform, contained in a draft child custody Bill which would also put the United Kingdom house in order, at the same time as the Government has announced that it will legislate to enable the implementation of two international conventions on child abduction.

Dr Peter North, principal of Jesus College, Oxford, and consultant to the Law Commission, said yesterday that it was "desirable" both in the report proposals and the international conventions should be implemented. "Otherwise one has the rather unsatisfactory situation where it might be easier to get back a child abducted to France than one taken from England to Scotland.

The commissions call for new rules to settle the particular United Kingdom country in which a custody case can be decided; to enforce orders made in one country in the others; and to enforce he orders within the country they are made. There should be a uniform jurisdictional scheme aimed at ensuring, as far as possible, that the courts of only one United Kingdom country could make a custody order at a particular time.

The report also calls for improved enforcement procedures.

Report on the custody of children: jurisdiction and enforcement within the United Kingdom; (Stationery Office Command 9419; £10.65).

Kidney man to leave hospital

By A Staff Reporter

Mr Derek Sage, the kidney dialysis patient who was refused treatment by Oxfordshire health authority, is being discharged today from the London hospital where he has been privately treated since last week.

His case aroused controversy when the authority said it had stopped treating him after two years because he had such a "poor quality of life".

Mr Sage, aged 44, will today return to the Simon House hostel for single homeless men in Oxford, where he has lived for eight years.

He will return to St John and St Elizabeth Hospital in north London twice a week by car from Simon House for dialysis.

Mr Mike Hall, warden of Simon House, said he has written to Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, asking him to use his powers to take over responsibility for paying for Mr Sage's treatment.

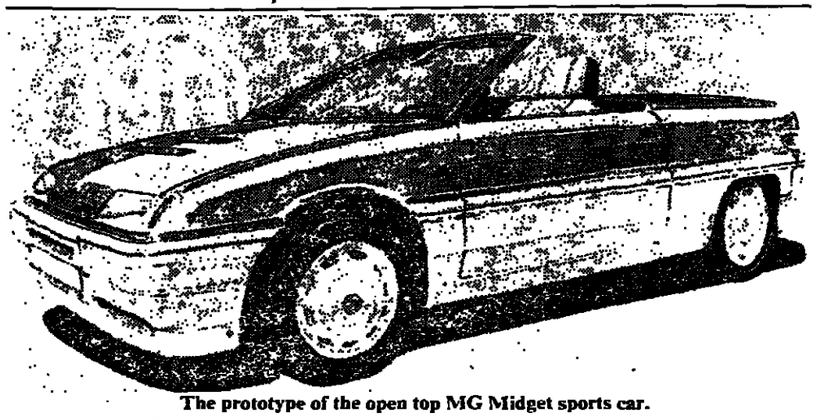
Control call on loft conversions

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Loft conversions and stone cladding for houses should be subject to planning permission to control the spread of poorly designed and intrusive additions, the Royal Town Planning Institute has recommended.

In reply to a consultation document from the Department of the Environment on possible restrictions on such alterations, the institute says that although they can be acceptable, full planning control is needed to reconcile the reasonable requirements of property owners with the views of neighbours and the wider public.

It rejects as impractical half-measures such as restrictions on the scale and proportions of loft extensions, and suggests that any development involving alterations to the roof of a house or the adding of windows above the level of existing windows should require planning permission.



The prototype of the open top MG Midget sports car.

MG two-seater to be made again

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Austin Rover is poised to resume production of a two-seat open top MG sports car for the first time since it closed the MG factory at Abingdon, near Oxford, more than five years ago.

A prototype of a new MG Midget is already under test at Canley, Coventry, headquarters of Mr Roy Axe, Austin Rover's director of design.

Today's issue of *Motor* magazine reports that the new MG Midget will rely heavily on the company's link with Honda of Japan. It will use the same floor pan and many of the lower bodypanels of the new Rover 200 series

As with the new Rover, it will have a redesigned front end to give it an identity of its own, and be powered by the same 1.3 litre three valves per cylinder Honda engine as the Rover 213.

It will also be offered with the bigger Longbridge-made 1.6 litre engine which will be seen in the Rover 216 when that car is launched in a couple of months.

With so many parts in common, the new MG and the Rover can be assembled on the same tracks at Longbridge. This will reduce production costs considerably, and will enable Austin Rover to offer a small open sports car similar to the Reliant SS1

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Britain still worth investing in – PM

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Britain was still worth investing in, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, declared during a Commons question time defence of the Government's handling of the sterling crisis.

She stressed that speculation had gone on against all countries in Europe, not just the pound. Record lows against the US dollar had been reached by the Swiss franc, Italian lira, the French franc and the Deutsche mark.

No single country (she said) has enough reserves to counter the large volumes of currency moved around the world.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, asked the Prime Minister to help the pound by sacking her Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson. But Mrs Thatcher countered by saying Mr Kinnock had not a clue what to do and that the economy had been properly handled by Mr Lawson.

Mr Jonathan Sayeed (Bristol East, C) began the exchanges on sterling by pointing out that Britain's was not a one product economy. To consider it to be was over simplistic if not downright hysterical.

Under this Government (he said) inflation is down, productivity is up and the export of goods and services is ever increasing.

Mrs Thatcher: Yes, I agree. Gross domestic product is at its highest ever level; fixed investment across the economy is at its highest ever real level; retail sales are at their highest ever real level, up 4 per cent in volume in 1984; and non-oil exports are up 12.5 per cent in volume in the three months to November over a year ago.

Britain is still worth investing in.

Mr Kinnock: I express the wish that many more agree with Mrs Thatcher that Britain is still worth investing in.

We find the speculation against the pound both irresponsible and irrational. We also feel her Government's handling of the current crisis is an epic of bungling indecision that is going to cost the industries and households of this country very dear.

Is Mrs Thatcher going to let this shambles continue or will she now help the pound by sacking the Chancellor of the Exchequer?

Mrs Thatcher: I am not sure whether Mr Kinnock means he would put up interest rates earlier, or not at all or later. He will not say. He has not got a clue.

Speculation has gone on not only against the pound but also against other currencies. In the last day record lows against the dollar have been reached by the Swiss Franc, the Italian lira, by the French franc and the Deutschemark which reached a 12 year low of 3.30 in New York yesterday.

The speculation which Mr Kinnock condemns has gone on against all currencies in Europe. We took what we believe to be the right decision because we had to consider exchange rate policy along with a number of other factors.

Mr Kinnock: The truth is the Prime Minister did not take the right decision in any calm fashion. She and Mr Lawson were eventually forced to panic into taking some kind of decision.

Is Mrs Thatcher going to do what the Germans and the Swiss do and intervene? If she is, will she come clean and admit it?

Will Mrs Thatcher stop dodging and asking what the policy of others are and tell the country what it wants to know? what is the Government going to do to stop the crisis in currency and interest rates?

Mrs Thatcher: I can only recall two occasions on which Germany intervened and it was not successful. Intervention alone was not successful because the DM also reached a 12 year low in New York yesterday. No single country has enough reserves to counter the large volumes of currency moving around the world.

We have raised interest rates because we thought it right to do so in the circumstances in the exchange markets.

Mr Kinnock predicted doom and gloom in July when we had in fact to do precisely the same thing. Since July, we have managed to get interest rates down, inflation has remained at or below 5 per cent, output across the economy continued to boom, exports are up in volme and retail sales were higher in the fourth quarter. What Mr Kinnock predicted in July did not happen and the economy is being properly handled by Mr Lawson.



PM: Other currencies at record lows

Mr Kinnock: I asked in July what she was going to do to give new strength to the economy. Since then, we have lost 80,000 jobs and billions of pounds have flowed out of the economy.

Will she answer the question the whole of Britain is asking? What will she do to change Government policies to bring strength, stop speculation, bring interest rates down, and give us a secure future?

She has not answered the question yet.

Mrs Thatcher: His points are not right. Since interest rates went up to 12 per cent in July, output across the economy has continued to grow; construction output was up 3 per cent in the second quarter over the fourth quarter; exports were 6.5 per cent up in the three months and the gloom and doom Mr Kinnock predicted has not come to pass. (Labour protests)

That is because the Chancellor took the right decisions to contain inflation and we have been containing public expenditure.

That is why the Stock Exchange today is 14 points higher than it was a month ago; is 233 points higher than at the time of the 1983 election; 390 points higher than at the time of the 1979 election, and 803 points higher than its lowest point under Labour. (Conservative cheers)

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party: Does she recall that in October 1976, when she was Leadr of the Opposition, she said that the drop in value of the pound sterling to $1.66 was due to lack of confidence in the Chancellor's currency polices. The drop to $1.12 is a massive international vote of confidence in her lack of success.

Mrs Thatcher: By his question, Mr Steel shows that he cannot understand that the strength of the dollar we have seen is an entirely new and different phenomenon, (laughter) – otherwise he would realize that the currency not only affects sterling but the Swiss and French francs, and the Deutschmark which have fallen to record low levels.

One would normally expect that the richest nation in the world would have outflows of capital to finance other countries, by for some time now the United States has been attracting capital from the rest of the world but not putting it out because of the debt position of the rest of the world, and because banks have previously over lent and because countries have borrowed more than they could repay.

Mr Anthony Favell, (Stockport, C): Amid the clamour for increased public spending, can she consider a word for those engaged in the wealth-producing private sector? After all, they have borne the brunt of the recission. That need all the help they can get.

Contrary to popular belief, the vast majority are not engaged in building roads sewers.

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. The health of the public sector depends on burdenson that so that it can expand its activities.

Fluoride Bill

The Water (Fluoridation) Bill, a Government measure to clarify the law and allow the existing practice of water fluoridation to continue, was read a second time in the Commons early today by 159 votes to 71, on a free vote. The Bill also allows water fluoridation to resume in Scotland where it was stopped in 1983 after a court case.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, moving the second reading, said the Government saw the Bill as a valuable measure of preventive medicine of some significance for the dental health of many children. The Bill did not break any dramatic new ground.

Government will retain special share in BAe to keep it British

PRIVATIZATION

The Government would retain a special share in British Aerospace instead of holding at least 25 per cent of the shares in the company as it originally stated, Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced when delivering his first statement in the Commons since his recovery from the Brighton bomb outrage.

Mr Tebbit said that, subject to satisfactory market conditions, the Government would offer for sale all its share in British Aerospace, 48.43 per cent of the company's issued share capital, in the spring or early summer.

Since 1981 when it became the first nationalized industry to be denationalized, British Aerospace had been operating successfully in the private sector.

The company (he went on) has agreed that before the sale is made it will recommend to shareholders a resolution providing for the Government to retain a special share in the company. The purpose of this special share will be to ensure that no change may be made without Government consent to the provision of the company's articles of association which restrict the foreign ownership of shares in the company and require the directors to be British nationals.

When British Aerospace was privatized, the Government said we would retain at least 25 per cent of the shares in the company so as to be able to block any change to those articles. This Government shareholding will be rendered unnecessary by the issue of the special share which will have the same blocking effect. We will also have the right to nominate a director to the company.

It is the company's intention (he added) to raise new equity capital at the same time as the Government's shares are sold. The British Aerospace chairman, Sir Austin Pearce, is making a statement about this this afternoon. Subject to the approval as necessary of the company's shareholders, it is intended that the offer for sale should take the form of a simultaneous offering of the Government's existing shares and new shares issued by the company.

Mr John Smith, Chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said it was a miserable and humiliating statement.

The Government had been pushed and panicked into an early and forced sale because of its incompetence in handling its financial affairs, he added. The Government's books would not balance unless it sold something else off and because of this the price would be well below true value.

The whole privatization measure (he said) is not some well-considered transfer of assets but a scramble to sell off anything the Government can lay its hands on.

The Government had given a solemn undertaking that it would retain a 25 per cent shareholding in BAe in order to maintain essential control.

The special share device (he went on) has not yet been tested in the courts as being effective.

If this rather pathetic device fails to achieve its objective, the Government would have lost all control of an industry that is essential for equipping the armed forces and to security?

Mr Tebbit: The Government has not been pushed unwillingly into selling these shares. It has been my ambition to sell all of them ever since the concept of privatization was arrived at. We want to get back to the situation we were in before Labour's incompetent decision to nationalize the industry in the first place.

Mr Smith seems not to understand that this undertaking will take place in the forthcoming year when we hope British Airways will also be liberated.

If he thinks the shares are going to be under-valued he should be buying some – or suggesting to the Labour Party it should obtain some.

Mr Smith is oblivious to the fact that the special share device's objective was to ensure that control remained in Britain. His doubts about the legality of the device was an idea Mr Smith had invented out of the air because he had no other valid criticisms to make.

Mr John Wilkinson (Ruislip-Northwood, C): Will the employees of British Airways benefit in the same way as those employees of British Aerospace who have the prescience to buy shares will benefit?

Mr Tebbit: I had best not be tempted into discussing the basis on which BA shares will be sold, but it would be right to point out that on this ocassion of the scale of the BAe shares the existing employees will have priority rights on application for the Government shareholding. I do not envisage there will be any special incentives to buy beyond that.



Ewing: Sale to GEC would be disaster

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP): This is like selling off the family silver to pay the grocery bills. Selling off capital assets would be rather more acceptable if the funds raised by the Government were not just getting lost into the Exchequer and if the capital investment record of the Government was rather better.

A change in capital investment in the budget would be widely welcomed as a result of the revenues raised from the sale of BT, this sale and the other sales of state assets.

Mr Tebbit: He was in the House when the Prime Minister sought to set his mind at rest over the Government's record on capital expenditure which is good and so is the record of the private sector of the industry.

Mr Kenneth Warren (Hastings and Rye, C) asked about the effect of relationships between BAe and its international partners.

Mr Tebbit: There is no change envisaged in the relationship.

Mr Michael Marshal: (Arundel, C): How far does he think share ownership will be spread?

Mr Tebbit: I hope the share ownership will be widely spread and I particularly hope many employees will take advantage of the degree of priority to apply for shares.

Mr Harry Ewing (Falkirk East, Lab: In the middle of 1984 there was an attempt by GEC to gain control of British Aerospace which did not materialize. Can we have an assurance that this announcement is not a back door move to give control of an important industry to GEC? That would be a disaster?

Mr Tebbit: Should there be an attempt at a take over of a company such as British Aerospace it would fall within the criteria which would apply under the Fair Trading Act and therefore might well be investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and a conclusion would be reached whether such a bid would be allowed to go ahead. There is no question that this particular sale of shares will change matters in this respect one way or another.

He added later: We do intend to impose a limit of 10 per cent on the proportion of shares offered that would be allocated to any single application or group of applicants acting in concert.

Mr Dale Cambell-Savours (Workington Lab): How much does he expect to gain net to the Echequer as a result of this sale?

Mr Tebbit: when dealings were suspended the valuation of the Government's holdings was something like £330 million or £360 million. What valuation will be at the time of sale depends on many factors.

Adverts on BBC Bill rejected

BROADCASTING

Mr Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab) failed in an attempt in the Commons to bring in a Bill to allow the BBC to raise revenue through advertisements.

Voting on the British Broadcasting Corporation Advertising Bill, which would permit advertisements to be shown according to the same rules as those applying to Independent Television, was 159 to 118 – majority against, 41.

Mr Ashton said he knew many of his colleagues were opposed to seeing advertising on the BBC but he had yet to hear similar opposition to advertising in *Tribune*, *Labour Weekly* or *Morning Star*.

If the BBC accepted only about one minute of advertising per hour the licence fee could be kept at its present level. The Bill would allow for flexibility so that advertisements could be used, for instance, with *Dallas* but not with *Panorama*.

There was already massive advertising on the BBC, especially through sponsorship of sporting events. Why should poor people pay £65 to subsidise brands like Embassy?

Mr Brian Sedgemore (Hackney South and Shoreditch, Lab) opposed the Bill.

He said few MPs would have expected a Labour MP to bring in a Bill to put the BBC into private hands and to bring public service broadcasting to an end. Mr Ashton knew the long-term, calamitous consequences of what he had proposed but just did not care.

The Bill would damage entertainment, drama, news, art and culture.

The BBC won no less than 100 national and international awards this year, and 97 per cent of people watched it, on average, for 10 hours a week.

Instead of proposing that one of the most important communications media on earth should be handed over to corporate vested interests, Mr Ashton should be supporting Labour Party policy to give pensioners free television licences.

The BBC deserved a significant increase in the licence fee.

High spending not the answer

EMPLOYMENT

There was no hope of reducing unemployment while Mr Nigel Lawson remained in office as Chancellor combining strategic incompetence with tactical incompetence, Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, declared in the Commons when opening a debate on unemployment.

He moved an Opposition motion condemning the Government's wilful refusal to implement policies which would result in a reduction in unemployment from its present record level and from the even higher total to which it would rise this year. It called on the Government to concentrate resources on the public sector and so provide the stimulus which the economy needed in a way which created the largest number of jobs.

He recalled that the Prime Minister had said earlier that it was a crisis for all currencies. But the British currency he said had depreciated against European currencies as well as the Dollar. To pretend the dollar's strength was what caused the crisis on Friday and Monday, was to deceive herself and attempt to delude the country.

The underlying cause was the basic weakness of the economy. What was needed was some positive statements on alternative policy from what the Government was doing. It was the Labour Party's view that the whole economy would benefit from increase in real demand.

I believe that the evidence is overwhelming that to use the money available to cut taxes (he said) will not reduce unemployment by anything like the amount it would be reduced were it to be used in direct job creation.

There should be spending on the infrastructure which was collapsing. If the present deterioration continued, it would be impossible to correct it. There should also be direct job creation in the public sector which, like work on infrastructure, would have a double benefit. The country needed more nurses, home helps and people working in the inner cities.

He argued, as had various bodies, that to spend £1,500 million to cut unemployment by direct means would, in two years cut it by 73,000, while cutting taxes would reduce the unemployment total by less than half that-35,000. That would also be spending in in the United Kingdom and not on imports which created jobs in other countries.

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, moved the Government amendment rejecting the Opposition's doctrinaire commitment to higher government spending and endorsing "the Government's determination to pursue responsible fiscal and monetary policies which, along with its policies to improve the efficient working of the economy, provide the only secure basis for ensuring continuing low inflation, steady growth and rising employment".

He said that the turbulence in the money market, resulted from three main causes. Two were, as Mr Hattersley had accepted in a broadcast, outside Government control. One was the strength of the dollar. The massive surge in the dollar was causing concern throughout the world.

The Government could not influence the world price of oil in any substantial way. What they could do was to assess the extent to which the exchange movement which resulted from the oil price and strength of the dollar could put future inflation at risk.

It was a matter of judging that combination of monetary growth and exchange rate which would keep financial policy on track.

At times (he said) this means we may have to have a lower exchange rate and higher interest rates than we should like. Taken together, there is no risk whatever to the counter inflation policy. Nor is there any threat to the prospects for growth and employment.

The third cause of turbulence was the feeling in the market that the Government might have lost the willingness and the ability to control its affairs so as to maintain the downward pressure on inflation.

It was clear from market behaviour that this feeling was stronger overseas than at home. Those who dealt in these markets tended not to know the truth, they only needed to play safe.

The foreign exchange dealer in the Middle East or the United States could not be sure that the rantings of Mr Hattersley would be treated with the contempt they deserved. When they read the newspapers and saw that apparently the CBI was allied with the TUC at Neddy they did not realise that the CBI actually wished to cut public expenditure; all they saw was the massive increase in public expenditure proposed by the TUC.

The country had a stark choice between higher public expenditure and higher taxation or lower public expenditure and lower taxation. If a high public spending, high tax economy were the solution then the UK would have been the world's economic success story long ago.

If high public expenditure and high taxation were the answer, unemployment would not have risen, profitability would not have fallen, productivity would not have fallen, growth would not have outstripped supply performance and inflation would not have become the curse it did become.

Governments had always found it easy to tax and spend, but nobody enjoyed the consequences of that. It was precisely because of high spending and high taxation that problems had emerged. Only lower taxation and lower spending would reduce the pressures.

Lower taxes did not carry tickets with precise jobs written on them. That was not the way the market economy worked. But there were long-term benefits to employment.

Public sector capital expenditure had remained broadly stable in real terms since 1979. In addition to the £24 billion of public sector capital expenditure in 1984-85 a further £5 billion was spent on repairs and maintenance.

Public spending was not an end in itself. Any project had to be justified on its own merits, on the basis of its own rate of return, taking into account the wider social and economic benefits.

It was a commonplace of critics to accuse the Government of obsession with theory and dogma and yet in the current discussion about whether employment was best served by higher or lower taxes, it was those critics who were slaves to theory.

A man of common sense would not easily be convinced the country could become more efficient and create more jobs by burdening people with taxation to pay for even higher public expenditure.

Celebrating victory in Europe

VE DAY

The Government is considering the form of a national commemoration of the 40th anniversary of VE Day, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister announced.

She said during Commons questions that there was a good deal of feeling, which he understood that Britain should have a national celebration, but they should also celebrate not only victory but the peace with freedom which had been won and which they had had across Europe for 40 years.

The subject was raised by Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C) who asked the Prime Minister to ask Chancelor Kohl of West Germany if he did not agree that Britain should feel entitled ot celebrate the end of the war which had not only secured Britain's freedom but that of West Germany as well.

He added: The only thing we have to regret about VE Day is that the United States did not heed Winston Churchill's advice to shake hands with the Russians as far east as possible.

Mr Thathcher: We are considering the form of the national commemoration which will honour the dead, and point to the reconciliation and reconstruction that has been achieved. I shall make an announcement in due course.

Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP): Has she overruled the Foreign Office view, expressed to me by letter last week, that any celebration of VE Day would be at best nostalgic and at worst anti-German? Would she ensure that any celebrations are genuinely international in character, involving all our wartime allies?

Mrs Thatcher: We are entitled to a national celebration and I have indicated that we shall be bringing forward proposals. I hope they will celebrate the victory of freedom over tyranny and also 40 years of peace.

Law being strengthened

INSOLVENCY

The first of the main purposes of the Insolvency Bill was to ensure that those who acted as insolvency practitioners were fit to do so, Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, the Lord Advocate, said in moving its second reading in the House of Lords.

The second was to combat the abuse of limited liability by a small number of persons whose actions undermined the legitimate commercial purpose for which it was established, as well as to encourage directors to take a close interest in the affairs of their companies and to take early action when financial difficulties loomed.

Another of the Bill's principal aims was to clarify the law on receivership and to create a new insolvency mechanism, known as company administration, specifically designed to facilitate company rescue and reorganization.

It also set out to simplify and reform corporate and personal insolvency procedures to reduce unnecessary involvement of the courts and the insolvency service. This would help the smoother working of insolvency procedures and enable the insolvency service to concentrate on its protective and investigative work.

There was provision for the imposition of personal liability for all or part of the debts of a company if a person allowed it to trade wrongfully. A further new provision was the extension of the power of the court to make a declaration of personal liability for a company's debts against a person who took part in the management of a company when he was disqualified.

The Bill also strengthened the court's powers to disqualify a person from acting as a director.

Lord Bruce of Donington, for the Opposition, said company liquidations and insolvencies were the one area of the economy that appeared to be expanding. The vast majority of liquidations and bankruptcies were the result of miscalculation or misfortune. The vast majority of companies, whether large, medium size or small, were conducted by their directors with considerable rectitude.

It was not right that the whole body of directors in the United kingdom should be regarded as somehow people who were not to be trusted.

The Bill was read a second time.

Backing for views of Lord Lane

LEGAL AFFAIRS

The Government is examining a hope expressed by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, reported in *The Times* Law Report on December 6, that the law relating to sentences of youth custody be altered to enable them to be suspended in whole or in part, Lord Elton, Minister of State, Home Office, said during questions in the House of Lords.

Lord Campbell of Alloway (C): The value of this sentencing option has been affirmed by judges and recorders attending Rochampton judicial seminars in 1983, 1984 and again last week when the attendance was about 100. There was unanimous support for the view of Lord Lane.

Unanimity is not exactly the order of the day at such seminars. Perhaps appropriate amendments could be carried in the Administration of Justice Bill at the committee stage to give effect to the concern of the judiciary?

Lord Elton: I am aware there is a weight of opinion that favours such a step. I am also aware there is a weight of opinion against it and the Home Secretary, having taken the views, is now considering where the balance lies.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Motions on rate support grant orders for England and for Wales. Lords (2.30): Debates on disarmament, on relations with the United States, and on a cross-Channel link.

Benefit cuts when weather is bad

BENEFITS

Criticism of the Government for cutting heating allowances for some pensioners came from both sides of the Commons, particularly Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) who spoke of the misery being suffered by so many pensioners in the cold spell.

Mr Winnick said many pensioners simply did not have enough money adequately to heat their homes. They turn off the heating (he said), wrap themselves in blankets and go to bed early.

Instead of cutting £1 from the heating additions for those elderly pensioners who obviously need it, and more, the Government should recognize the problem and give the necessary assistance.

Mr Anthony Newton, Minister for Social Security, replied that it was precisely because of his concern with this problem that there had been a massive increase in heating additions by comparison with the piffling scheme left behind by the last Labour government.

There was an increased heating addition for those over 85, giving them an extra £2.10 a week.

Mr Keith Speed (Ashford, C) said the special supplement announced yesterday (Monday) would not apply to Kent which had been hit worst by the recent weather. Kent people were incredulous. Was Mr Newton satisfied with this?

Mr Newton said the exceptionally severe weather payments regulation was a pretty weird and wonderful construction. This was operated as best it could be on the basis of objective advice from the Meteorological Office by the Chief Adjudication Officer and he (Mr Newton) could not go beyond that.

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen North, Lab) said many other parts of the country faced serious weather conditions. What steps was the department taking to draw the attention of local offices to the need for these payments. It would be outrageous if claiments were not treated equitably.

Would Mr Newton agree to meet a delegation of Labour MPs, especially from Scotland, to discuss this?

Mr Newton said it could not be inequitable to operate a regulation on the advice from the Met Office weather stations and assessed by the Chief Adjudicaton Officer. He was willing for a meeting to be held.

Mrs Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) said those disadvantaged by the new arrangements were aged between 70 and 85.

Drug industry attacked

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, condemned as highly misleading advertisements by the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry which, he said, suggested the Government was trying to introduce a two-tier system with its policy of generic drug substitution.

Mr Gary Waller (Keighley, C) had said that while there was considerable support for the concept to substituting generic preparations for brand name drugs, the idea of having a limited list whereby certain drugs were not available at all on the NHS was quite another matter.

Will Mr Fowler (he said) set his face resolutely against a system whereby a general practioner has to consider the means of a patient before writing a prescription?

Mr Fowler: My chief medical officer and a team of independent advisers are examining what drugs are to be on the list. We always made it clear that we would consult and that the list was provisional.

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Increasing rateable value after alterations

In re Wright (Valuation Officer)
In re Maudsley (Valuation Officer)
In re Smith (Valuation Officer)

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice May and Lord Justice Slade
[Judgment delivered December 20]

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment in three appeals by valuation officers by way of case stated from a decision of the Lands Tribunal, considered the power of a local valuation court to increase the gross value of a hereditament in a valuation list by reason of the making of structural alterations.

Mr Alan Fletcher, QC and Mr David Mole for the valuation officers; Mr John Laws as *amicus curiae*.

LORD JUSTICE SLADE said that the issues in the appeals concerned the construction and effect of section 21 of the Local Government Act 1974.

The three appeals respectively related to three dwelling-houses, namely Homefield, Grove Road, Lea-by-Backford, Chester, for which the valuation officer was Mr D. P. Wright, ARICS; Silverwood, Withnell Fold, Chorley, Lancashire, for which the valuation officer was Mr K. Maudsley, ARICS; and 18 Bamford Close, Bury, Lancashire, for which the valuation officer was Mr P. A. Smith, ARICS.

Although the amounts involved were small, their Lordships had been told that their decisions would affect a large number of other cases.

Section 21(1) read: "In the case of a hereditament which is a dwelling-house . . . no proposal may be made under section 69 of [the General Rate Act 1967 (the principal Act)] for an increase in the gross value ascribed to the hereditament in the valuation list by reason of the making of structural alterations on or after April 1, 1974 – (a) if and so far as the alterations are necessary for the purpose of installing a system for providing heating in two or more rooms in the hereditament, or (b) if the proposal would be for an increase not exceeding such an amount as the secretary of state may by order specify . . . ".

By the Rating of Minor Structural Alterations to Dwellings (Specified Amount) Order (SI 1974 No 629) the secretary of state specified an amount of £30 for the purposes of section 21(1)(b).

Homefield, in the first appeal, was a detached house and garage. Behind it was a lorry park. At some time after 1974, the buildings were extended. To take account of the alterations, the valuation officer made a proposal under section 69 of the principal Act to increase the existing gross value of £573 by £67 to £440.

The owner occupier objected to the proposal and the valuation officer appealed to the local valuation court.

At the hearing before the valuation court the officer informed the court that he was putting forward a reduced proposed assessment of £395 gross value, because the proposed increase, based on the structural alterations, was offset in part by an offered allowance of £45 for the disability of the nearby lorry park.

The valuation court, following the decision of the Lands Tribunal in *Coe v Herron (VO)* (LVC/879/1977) decided that as the net proposed increase was less than £30 (namely £22) it was precluded by section 21 of the 1974 Act. The court therefore directed that no alteration should be made to the gross value of £373. The officer then appealed to the Lands Tribunal, which dismissed the appeal.

The case stated by the tribunal at the request of the officer raised the question:

"Whether, upon a true construction of section 21 . . . if on a proposal to increase the gross value of a dwelling-house by reason of structural alterations (other than central heating) made after April 1, 1974, the structural alterations considered on their own justify an increase exceeding £30 . . . but, when other factors are also taken into account, there should be a net increase not exceeding £30, the Lands Tribunal is precluded from directing the assessment of the hereditament to be increased by the net amount."

If the only ground specified in a written proposal under section 69 of the principal Act for an increase in the gross value ascribed to a house in the valuation list was the making of structural alterations on or after April 1, 1974 and the proposal was for an increase not exceeding £30, that written proposal was invalid on the face of it, as contravening section 21(1)(b).

In that situation section 21(1)(b) would prevent the valuation court or the Lands Tribunal from giving any effect to the proposal, whether or not the structural alterations considered on their own would justify an increase exceeding £30.

There was no question of the form of the proposal itself having contravened section 21(1). It was only the allowance of £45 conceded at the valuation court which reduced the proposed net increase to less than £30. The issue was whether section 21(3) and (4) precluded an alteration of the valuation list in consequence.

The facts of the present case were in their essentials on all fours with those considered by the Lands Tribunal in *Coe v Herron*. It was understood that that decision had been followed in a number of cases. It now fell to the Court of Appeal to decide whether or not it was correct.

On an appeal to the tribuanl under section 77 of the principal Act, the tribunal was restricted to giving "any directions which the local valuation court might have given".

It was common ground that on an appeal to the valuation court under section 76(5) of the principal Act, that court was obliged to make its calculation *rebus sic stantibus*, in other words, with reference to the house in its physical condition at the date of the proposal and in the light of the conditions affecting the house at that date.

Mr Laws submitted that in section 21(3) of the 1974 Act, the phrase "the increase in the gross value to take account of the alterations" meant the net increase which the court considered necessary to give effect to the contention of the appellant, having regard to all the facts and matters which had to be taken into account under section 76(5) of the principal Act.

On behalf of the appellants, Mr Fletcher submitted that the phrase meant in effect simply "the increase in the gross value attributable to the alterations".

Although the point was not an easy one, the conclusion had to be that Mr Fletcher's construction was the correct one.

If a valuation officer made a proposal which was expressed to be made by reason of the making of structural alterations, and the stated proposed increase was a mere £30 or less, the proposal would be invalid on the face of it, by virtue of section 21(1)(b).

If he made a proposal which was expressed to be made by reason of the making of structural alterations and the stated proposed increase was more than £30, the proposal would not be invalid on the face of it, but would be rendered ineffective by section 21(3) if the valuation court was of the opinion that the increase which the valuation officer had ascribed to the alterations in his proposal was excessive and that the correct figure would have been £30 or less.

In arriving at that decision the court could take account of any disadvantages to the hereditament created by or consequent upon the alterations. Thus far a clear legislative purpose was discerned in section 21.

In contrast, however, it was unlikely that the legislature would have intended to place on a valuation officer, who had formed the view on reasonable grounds that structural alterations (not relating to heating) had been made to a house, which by themselves would justify an increase in its gross rateable value of more than £30, an obligation (a) to consider all the many other factors which the ratepayer might thereafter choose to invoke by way of set-off in opposition to the proposal; and (b) not to proceed with his proposal if the combined effect of the structural alterations and all those other factors would be likely to result in an increase of merely £30 or less.

That would be the duty of the valuation officer if Mr Laws's suggested construction of section 21 had been correct.

Disregarding alterations relating to heating, the broad intention of section 21 was simply to prevent proposals for increase founded on the making of structural alterations, where the increase attributable thereto would not exceed the specified figure.

On the facts of Mr Wright's appeal, the increase in the gross value attributable to the alterations was £67. Thus, the local valuation court and the Lands Tribunal respectively were not precluded by section 21 from giving effect to the alteration of the valuation list relating to Homefield by an increase of £22 in the gross value.

Accordingly, the question raised by the case stated would be answered by declaring that the Lands Tribunal was not precluded from directing the assessment of the hereditament to be increased by the net amount, since the proposal inself was expressed to be for an increase exceeding £30.

The facts in Mr Smith's appeal were in all material respects indistinguishable from those in Mr Wright's appeal, and the question raised in the former would be answered in the same manner.

Silverwood, in Mr Maudsley's appeal, was a detached house. Prior to April 1974 a system for providing heating was installed and £11 of the then gross value of £354 was ascribed to it. Thereafter the house was extended, as was the heating system.

To take account of the alteration, but not of the central heating system, the valuation officer made a proposal to increase the gross value to £510. Before the valuation court the officer conceded that there had been an arithmetical error of £5 and that the gross value should be £505. He said, however, that since 1974 the central heating had been improved so that it had an additional rental value of £24, making an aggregate rental value for it of £35.

The valuation court, by taking account of the additional value of the central heating, approved the original proposal for £510. The officer appealed to the tribunal on the ground that the determination was incorrect and excessive. The appeal was dismissed.

The case stated by the tribunal at the request of the officer was:

"Whether, upon a true construction of section 21 . . . if a valid proposal is made to increase the gross value of a dwelling-house by reason of structural alterations made after April 1, 1974 for purposes other than the installation of central heating, the Lands Tribunal ought in their assessment to take account of any structural alterations made after April 1, 1974 for the purpose of installing central heating."

The facts set out or referred to in the case did not suffice to enable their Lordships to reach a conclusion whether or not the extension of the heating system after April 1974 in fact constituted "alterations" of the nature referred to in section 21(1)(a).

Therefore the question would simply be answered by declaring that the tribunal could not take account of alterations of the nature referred to in section 21(1)(a). Additions to an existing central heating system could be taken account of; anything that amounted to the installation of such a system should not be taken into account.

Lord Justice May and Lord Justice O'Connor agreed.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Treasury Solicitor.

Correction

In *Symbol Park Lane Ltd v Steggles Palmer* (The Times January 15) the name of the defendant firm should be Steggles Palmer throughout.

Farm income rises 22% but dairy and cattle sectors decline

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Farm incomes rose by an estimated 22 per cent last year to £1,826 million, according to the Government's annual review of agriculture, published yesterday as a White Paper.

But the sharp recovery in earnings after a 17 per cent drop in 1983, disguises big differences between the various sectors. Arable farmers generally prospered, and pig and poultry producers had a better year, but dairy and hill livestock farmers were mostly worse off.

Cereal production, at an estimated 26.5 million tonnes, was more than five million tonnes higher than in the previous year. The acreage of oilseed rape increased by 21 per cent, and the final figures are expected to show a record production of 923,000 tonnes.

The 1984 sugar beet crop is expected to produce 1.25 million tonnes of sugar, 18 per cent more than in 1983. Potato plantings rose by 2 per cent, and yields were higher; output of most field vegetables also increased.

But the national cattle breeding herd decreased by 1.5 per cent, reflecting a fall in the number of dairy cows, and milk production was down by about 6 per cent. There were about 3 per cent more sheep, but fewer breeding pigs: a 6 per cent fall in pigmeat production led to better prices and improved profitability.

There were about 239,000 farm holdings in the United Kingdom, 2 per cent fewer than in 1979, the decline being concentrated among smaller full-time businesses. Large farms employing labour on a scale of 1,000 man-days or more represented only 13 per cent of holdings but accounted for half the total output.

The average size of full-time farms was 122 hectares (301 acres), compared with 113 hectares (279 acres) in 1979. As a result of increasing specialization, the number of cereal farms fell by 11 per cent in those five years, while their average size rose by 17 per cent.

There were 18 per cent fewer holdings producing potatoes, and 15 per cent fewer producing sugar beet. But there were more than 11,000 oilseed rape growers, compared with about 3,500 in 1979.

In Britain 69 per cent of holdings were wholly or mainly owner-occupied, compared with 54 per cent in 1960-61, and the proportion of agricultural land farmed by its owner increased from 52 per cent to 60 per cent. In Northern Ireland practically all farmers are owner-occupiers.

Agricultural land prices, after the boom in the 1970s, rose only slowly in England since 1979 and fell in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. After a modest rise in 1983, they generally declined last year.

Average weekly earnings for farmworkers were about £123.10 last year for a 46-hour week, compared with £105.44 in 1982 and £116.57 in 1983 for a slightly longer working week.

Total public expenditure under the EEC common agricultural policy and on national grants and subsidies was put at £1,779.8 million, nearly £7,500 for every holding.

Of that almost three quarters went on market support through intervention purchase, but an estimated £1,139.7 million was to be repayable from the EEC budget.

Annual Review of Agriculture 1985 (Command 9423, Stationery Office, £5.65).

Welsh farmers look to llamas

Mr Patrick Edgington, Pembrokeshire secretary of the National Farmers' Union, said yesterday that Welsh farmers hit by EEC milk quotas were considering rearing llamas for wool in an effort to sidestep EEC rules. Seven thousand diary farmers in Wales use land which is too poor for them to turn to growing crops.

Mr Edgington said: "Twelve months ago the idea of farming llamas was a joke but now people are quite seriously considering it."



Lord St Oswald with Chippendale barometer, part of the collection at Nostell Priory

Nostell Priory to offer Chippendale furniture for tax

By Peter Davenport

A light covering of snow lay over the 5,000 acres of the Nostell Priory estate, and most of the 103 rooms in the old house were so cold that the new Lady St Oswald took to wearing a coat and scarf just to move along the corridors.

Barely a month after inheriting the title from his late brother, the fifth Lord St Oswald and his wife are discovering some of the drawbacks of leaving a comfortable Georgian country house in east Yorkshire to uphold family tradition stretching back more than two centuries to live in a sprawling ancestral home.

Apart from the biting cold in the house, near Wakefield, West Yorkshire, there is also the financial chill of an expected demand of £4 million capital transfer tax that may result in Nostell's unique collection of Chippendale furniture – the largest in the world and estimated to be worth about £20 million – being broken up and sold, with many of the pieces inevitably destined for American buyers.

In an attempt to maintain the collection intact, Lord St Oswald is to put a package deal to the Government. On January 30 he is to meet the Minister of Arts, Lord Gowrie, and offer the Government a portion of the Chippendale collection in lieu of the tax.

Yesterday, over coffee served by the family butler in the music room of Nostell's Adam wing, Lord St Oswald, aged 68, explained his proposals.

"The fact that the minister has granted us this interview must mean that he wants to listen to our case, and that alone must be encouraging."

Unless the Government accepts the deal, the family claims to have only two other options. It could sell some of the 5,000 acres of land and working farms that make up the estate, between Wakefield and Doncaster, but that would deplete funds that go towards the running of the house, which costs about £40,000 a year.

The only viable alternative, Lord St Oswald said, would be to put the Chippendale collection of desks, chairs, tables and other furniture produced by the eighteenth century cabinet-maker specifically for Nostell Priory, on the open market.

The house has been owned by the National Trust since 1953, and Lord St Oswald now wants the Chippendale collection to go to the nation to meet this and any future demands. Each piece in the collection was designed by Chippendale – who learnt his craft as an apprentice joiner on the estate – to stand in a particular location in the house.

In the Library, designed and decorated by Robert Adam, as is much of the house, sits the prize piece, a large mahogany desk which was completed in 1766 at a cost of £72 10s 0d. It may now be worth £500,000.

Ban ruled out on advertising tobacco

By Nicholas Timmins

Health ministers appear to have ruled out a ban on tobacco advertising even before the the start of negotiations with the industry on a new advertising agreement.

The British Medical Association has launched a vigorous campaign aimed at ending tobacco advertising and sponsorship, the agreements on which run out in March next year and at the end of this year. But Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, has said he does not believe in the effectiveness of an advertising ban.

On Channel Four's *Face the Press* he said that ministers were accused of giving in to the tobacco lobby if they did not agree with "well-intentioned theories" that an advertsing ban would lead to a great drop in smoking. "Actually I disagree with the effectiveness of that"

But the BMA said yesterday that advertising and sponsorship bans were not aimed principally at those who already smoke, "but at taking the pressure off young people to start".

"For a health minister simply to say that smoking is bad for health is a ludicrous understatement when he should be determined to do something."

Action on Smoking and Health said that Norway's ban on tobacco advertising combined with health education has stopped the increase in smoking

AGRICULTURE IN THE NATIONAL ECONOMY

	Average of 1973-75	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984 (provisional)
Agriculture's contribution to gdp						
£ million	2 080	4 158	4 686	5 370	5 286	5 823
%	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.0	
Agriculture's share of gross fixed capital formation						
£ million	500	1 064	972	1 233	1 359	1 380
%	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.5
Manpower in agriculture						
(c) ('000)	695	651	635	632	624	620
% o f total civilian manpower engaged in all occupations	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6
Imports of food, feed and alcoholic beverages £ million	3 892	6 519	6 921	7 583	8 237	(Jan-Sep) 6 852
Import volume index (1980=100)	104.8	100.0	99.2	107.7	106.4	108.2
Import price index (1980=100)	58.0	100.0	104.5	111.3	119.9	133.2
Exports of food, feed and alcoholic beverages £ million	1 069	3 055	3 391	3 651	3 838	(Jan-Sep) 3 091
Export volume index (1980=100)	73.0	100.0	104.5	104.7	109.7	110.7
Export price index (1980=100)	50.7	100.0	105.4	115.5	122.3	128.4
Consumers' expenditure on food and alcoholic beverages						(Jan-Jun)
£ million	15 683	36 307	38 940	41 325	44 611	22 295
of which: food £ million	11 621	26 353	27 787	29 318	31 239	15 951
Expenditure on food as a % of consumers' expenditure	21.2	19.2	18.3	17.8	17.1	17.1
Value of home-produced food as a % of						(forecast)
All food consumed in UK	49.2	59.3	61.3	61.7	62.1	62
All indigenous-type food consumed in UK	61.2	73.9	76.4	76.8	78.1	80

Source: Ministry of Agriculture

More food poison cases reported

By David Walker
Social Policy Correspondent

The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys yesterday reported disturbing signs of growth in the number of people affected by food poisoning.

The most recent official figures, for January to March last year, showed 3,108 cases in England and Wales compared with 2,263 cases for the same quarter of the previous year. Those correspond with the census office's comprehensive study of disease figures for 1982, also out yesterday, which showed a rise in types of salmonella poisoning and in infections from bad shellfish.

The census office noted, however, that there has been improvement recently in the collection of figures on food poisoning, and it could be that more cases are being reported.

The new census office statistics:

❷ confirm that 1982 saw the largest outbreak of whooping cough since the early 1950s;

❸ show that after Legionnaires' disease first appeared in Britain in 1977 it peaked in 1980;

❹ show a marked increase in hepatitis cases

The census office figures on communicable diseases for 1982 are the first series to mention Aids (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

The Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre began monitoring the disease in 1982. That year four cases of Aids with dates of onset before 1982 were recorded and a further 11 cases appeared during the year.

All were men except for a Zambian woman immigrant to Britain. Of the men, 11 out of 14 were homosexuals and nine of those died that year.

New figures for accidental death and injury last year show that in the second quarter there were fewer deaths in all categories of road accident except those involving adult pedal cyclists.

OPCS Monitors (Dept M, St Catherine's House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP (Free).

Owen claim on air time held over

Dr David Own, leader of the SDP, must wait for a decision on his High Court claim that his party is being left behind in Television coverage give to the two leading parties.

Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Taylor reserved their judgement on his claim for a declaration that the SDP has been unjustly and unfairly treated, and for an order that the Broadcasting Complaints Commission consider the complaint.

The commission has twice refused to hear the complaint and says it has no jurisdiction to do so under the Broadcasting Act 1981. No date has been fixed for the judgements.

Capping threat to GLC arts

The arts in London will be badly hit if the GLC is rate-capped by the Government, the council said yesterday. The Arts Committee believes that it could lose a third of its £60 million budget if the rate-capping goes ahead.

The result could be the total loss of GLC grants to a wide range of organizations, including the National Theatre, the English National Opera, and the London Festival Ballet.

700 new jobs

GEC Avionics, the electronics firm, is to move on to a site in Basildon, Essex, bringing about 700 new jobs. Council planners agreed to the company's proposals after a five-minute site meeting at the former Carreras Rothman factory.

Skiing on MSC

Stephen Griffiths, aged 16, of Ysuradgynlais, Powys, who hopes to become a skiing instructor, leaves at the weekend for a 10-day skiing trip to the Italian Alps funded by the Manpower Services Commission.

Move to ban strip search

From Ian Murray, Strasbourg

A campaign to force a ban on strip searching of women in Northern Ireland prisons was launched in the European Parliament in Strasbourg yesterday.

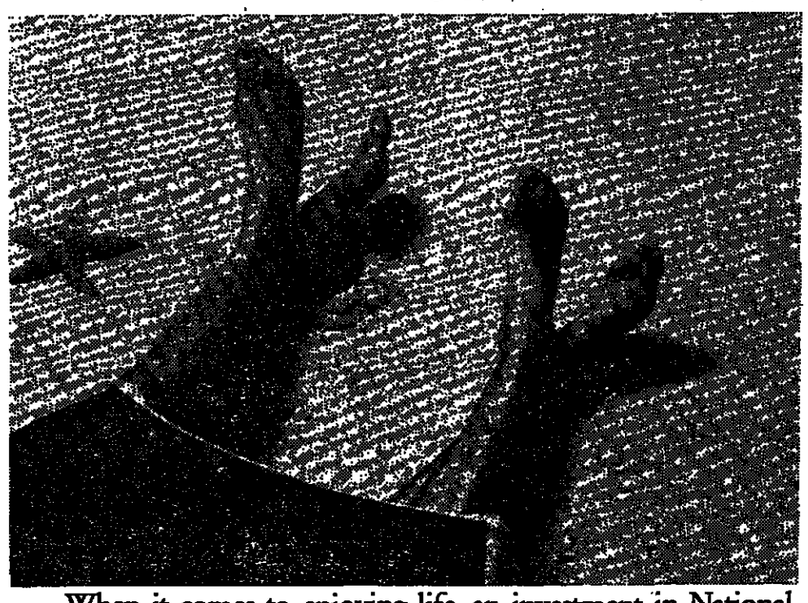
Miss Catherine Moore, now aged 22, described what it was like to be stripped naked and body searched twice a week for more than two years after her arrest on the evidence of an informer.

Miss Moore was released last month after the evidence had been rejected by Northern Ireland's Lord Chief Justice. She described the searches as "the most degrading and humiliating thing I have ever lived through."

Her case has been taken up by the Rainbow Group in the parliament, which is made up of ecologists, anti-Marketeers and left wingers. They will be tabling questions to force a debate on the issue.

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4.1 No person may hold, either solely or jointly with any other person, less than £2,000 or more than £50,000 of Bonds. Bonds inherited from a deceased holder will not count towards this permitted maximum. Furthermore, Bonds held by a person as trustee will not count towards the maximum which he is permitted to hold in his personal capacity; nor will Bonds held in trust count towards the permitted maximum of a beneficiary's personal holding.

4.2 The Treasury may vary the maximum and minimum holding limits and the minimum initial purchase from time to time, upon giving notice. No such variation will prejudice any right under the prospectus enjoyed by a Bondholder immediately before the variation in respect of a Bond then held by him.

INTEREST

5.1 Interest will be calculated on a day to day basis from the date of purchase at a rate determined by the Treasury ("the Treasury rate").

5.2 Interest will be payable on the 5th day of each month. The Director of Savings may defer payments of accrued interest otherwise due in respect of a Bond within the period of six weeks following the date of purchase until the next interest date following the end of that period.

5.3 If on repayment the Bond has by reason of paragraph 6.1, earned less interest than the total already paid in respect of the Bond under paragraph 5.2 the balance will be deducted from the sum to be repaid. Any interest earned on the Bond and not already paid before repayment will be added to the sum to be repaid. If, in the case of repayment under paragraph 6.2, it is not reasonably practicable to stop an interest payment from being made after the repayment date, the amount of that interest payment will be deducted from the sum to be repaid.

5.4 The Treasury may from time to time vary the Treasury rate upon giving six weeks' notice.

5.5 The Treasury may from time to time vary the intervals at and dates on which interest is payable, upon giving notice, and in so doing may specify holding limits above or below which any variation will apply. No variation will apply to a Bond issued before the variation unless the Bondholder agrees to such application.

5.6 Interest on a Bond registered in the sole name of a minor under seven years of age will normally be paid into a National Savings Bank account in the name of the minor.

5.7 Interest on a Bond will be paid without deduction of Income Tax, but it is subject to Income Tax and must be included in any return of income made to the Inland Revenue.

REPAYMENT

6.1 A Bondholder may obtain repayment of a Bond at par before redemption upon giving 3 calendar months' notice. The Bond will earn interest at the Treasury rate from the date of purchase up to the repayment date where repayment falls on or after the first anniversary of purchase. Where the repayment date falls before the first anniversary of purchase the Bond will earn interest at half the Treasury rate from the date of purchase up to the repayment date.

6.2 Where an application for repayment of a Bond is made after the death of the sole or sole surviving registered holder no fixed period of notice is required and the Bond will earn interest at the Treasury rate from the date of purchase up to the date of repayment, whether or not repayment occurs before the first anniversary of the purchase.

6.3 Any application for repayment of a Bond must be made in writing to the Bonds and Stock Office, Blackpool and accompanied by the investment certificate. The period of notice given by the Bondholder will be calculated from the date on which the application is received in the Bonds and Stock Office.

6.4 Application may be made for repayment of part of a Bond in an amount of £1,000 or a multiple of that sum provided that the holding of Bonds remaining after the part repayment will still fall within the minimum holding limit imposed by paragraph 4.1 as varied from time to time under paragraph 4.2. The preceding sub-paragraphs will apply to the part repaid as to a whole Bond; the remaining balance will have the same date of purchase and the same interest dates as were applicable to the original Bond immediately prior to repayment.

PAYMENTS

7 Interest will be payable direct to a National Savings Bank or other bank account or by crossed warrant sent by post. Capital will be repayable direct to a National Savings Bank account or by crossed warrant sent by post.

MINORS

8 A Bond held by a minor under the age of seven years, either solely or jointly with any other person, will not be repayable, except with the consent of the Director of Savings.

TRANSFER

9 Bonds will not be transferable except with the consent of the Director of Savings. Transfer of a Bond or part of a Bond will only be allowed in an amount of £1,000 or multiple of that sum and will not be allowed if the holding of the transferor or transferee would thereby be outside the holding limits imposed by paragraph 4.1 as varied from time to time under paragraph 4.2. The Director of Savings will normally give consent in the case of, for example, devolution of Bonds on the death of a holder but not to any proposed transfer which is by way of sale or for any consideration.

NOTICE

10 The Treasury will give any notice required under paragraph 4.2, 5.4, 5.5 or 11 of the prospectus in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes or in any other manner which they think fit. If notice is given otherwise than in the Gazettes it will as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter be recorded in them.

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Neves unveils civilian era as carnival comes to Brazil a month early

From Patrick Knight, Brasilia

President Tancredo Neves of Brazil told a packed Congress here after being elected yesterday by a more than 2-1 majority that it would be the last indirect poll for the Presidency.

"I have come to carry out urgent and courageous political, social and economic change," he said. The economy would be a proirity.

"We will attack inflation, a symptom of economic disorder, from the first day in power. However, we will not make the gross error of provoking a recession as a deflationary tool. On the contrary we will encourage a return to growth and stimulate business."

Carnival came a month early this year as people flocked on to the streets to celebrate the overwhelming victory of the opposition Democratic Alliance candidate after 20 years of military rule. Senhor Neves received 480 votes to the 180 his opponent, the Social Democratic official candidate, Senhor Paulo Maluf.

Although excluded from the election, which was by a 686-strong electoral college, hundreds of thousands of Brazilians greeted the victory with euphoria despite pouring rain.

"The whole of my economic policy will be subordinated to the social duty of a return to growth and a creation of jobs," Senhor Neves said. "While there is one single man in this country without work, without bread, without a roof and illiterate, all apparent prosperity will be false.

"It must be emphasized that social progress cannot be considered a mere by-product of economic development. The nation is composed of the people and each human life is more than the increase of a statistic."

Senhor Neves said Brazil had long ceased to be an exotic tropical nation. "We are now among the economically most developed countries. Our culture is internationally admired, our writers are translated, our music is well-known, our television and cinema are applauded the world over.

"I have come to bring about change – political, economic, social and cultural. Real effective, courageous and irreversible change." Senhor Neves rejected the idea of a mere conciliation of elites involving slight adjustments and the continuation of privilege, injustice and enrichment, built on a base of hunger.

He had a special word for the workers "in whose hand the future of the country rests and who have done so much. The national reconstruction implies the return of the working class to political life. Together, we can make this country into a great nation."

There was dancing in the streets and many wept when they realized victory was certain, heralding a return to civilian rule.

Before the voting started, Senhor Maluf, already conceding defeat, said his campaign had contributed to Brazil's return to full democracy. He has helped his opponent's campaign by persisting to the end, despite pressure to resign.

As the vote progressed, Congress delegates supporting Senhor Neves risked the wrath of the tellers by making increasingly heated statements celebrating "the end of the military dictatorship" and "20 years of darkness".

Until the day of the election, most had passively observed the battle. The enthusiasm which marked the mass campaign for direct elections early last year had evaporated, but it returned with tremendous force as the voting progressed and it dawned on sceptical Brazilians that the departing military regime had no more tricks up its sleeve.

Man in the news

Past master of the middle ground

From Our Correspondent, Brasilia

Tancredo Neves, aged 74, is one of a generation of Brazilian politicians whose public life was put on ice by more than 20 years of military rule. Many are now back at the centre of the stage, almost as if nothing had happened.

Senhor Neves entered politics 32 years ago in the key state of Minas Gerais, from which a disproportionate number of Brazil's leaders have come.

It does not have the weight of Rio de Janeiro, or São Paulo, so Minas politicians have proved a common compromise. Tancredo Neves was trained as a lawyer, but later studied economics. He first entered the national arena in 1951, as a deputy, becoming Minister of Justice in the Getulio Vargas Government, in 1953.

In the 1960s, he revealed his talents as a conciliator, with the crisis which followed the surprise resignation of President Jânio Quadros and the difficult negotiations with the military which wanted to prevent Quadros's deputy João Goulart, from assuming power.

Tancredo Neves became Prime Minister, for 10 months before resigning in 1962, and leader of the Brazilian Democratic Movement and the House of Deputies in 1978, being elected senator for Minas Gerais in that year.

Anticipating the end of the artificial two-party political system, imposed by the military, he was a founder in 1979 of the centre-right Popular Party which was subsequently disbanded when it was clear it would do badly in the 1982 general elections. Senhor Neves then returned to the Democratic Movement and was elected governor of Minas Gerais in 1982 by popular suffrage.

Once it became clear that the campaign for direct presidential elections was not going to prosper, he became the obvious choice to set against Paulo Maluf, candidate for the ruling Social Democrats and the man who provoked the final split in that party, which Senhor Neves was able to use to his advantage.

He has all the essential qualities of a Brazilian political leader, fundamentally those of a conciliator, vital at this delicate stage. He must reassure sections of the armed forces concerned with the dangers of a return to civilian rule and satisfy the public, whose hopes for more participation were raised by last year's campaign for direct elections.

Senhor Neves's qualities as an administrator have not been well tested and there are fears that, preferring conciliation, he will find it difficult to impose a tough enough policy at this crucial time in Brazil's history. Despite his age, his health is good.



Soldiering on: Lord Carrington, Nato's Secretary-General (right), and Herr Manfred Wörner, West German Defence Minister, feel the cold during a tank exercise at Hohenfels.

Terrorists unite to attack Nato

Paris – Major urban guerrilla groups from France and West Germany are to unite to attack Nato targets (Reuter reports).

In a long communiqué sent to Reuters in Paris, the two groups – the Red Army Faction (RAF) from Germany and France's outlawed Action Directe – said they were forming a joint "Political-Military Front in Western Europe", with Nato as its main target.

An officer at the Paris headquarters of the police criminal brigade, which keeps track of urban guerrilla activities, said the communiqué "is of great interest to us. We will be checking further". He declined further comment.

The RAF and Action Directe have claimed responsibility for several murders and gun and bomb attacks in the last 10 years.

RAF activity was at its most intense in the 1970s, when a West German business leader, Herr Hanns-Martin Schleyer, was kidnapped and killed; Herr Jurgen Ponto, head of the Dresdner Bank, shot dead; and a Lufthansa plane hijacked to Mogadishu.

Action Directe came to prominence in 1980 with attacks against government buildings, and more recently bomb attacks in the capital.

Police have in the past defined occasional links between various European guerrilla groups, but the new communique is the first stated intention of a permanent union.

"Attacks against the multinational structures of Nato, against its bases and its strategies, against its plans and its propaganda, constitute the first large mobilization,", it said

The leader of Action Directe, M Jean-Marc Rouillan, was freed under a presidential amnesty in 1981, and it was not until 1982 that his group was outlawed by the French Government. He is sought by police.

The RAF has its roots in the Baader-Meinhof group, among the first of Europe's modern urban guerrillas, which carried out a series of bloody attacks in West Germany in the 1960s.

● BRUSSELS: A car bomb blew up yesterday outside the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) causing heavy damage and injuring two US military police guards.

The explosion was claimed inside an hour by the Belgian group called Fighting Communist Cells, which has claimed 13 bombings in Belgium since October.

Belgian decision on cruise by March

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr Wilfried Martens, the Belgian Prime Minister, said yesterday that his Government would make a decision on the starting time for new Nato missile deployment in Belgium by the end of March, after consultations with Nato allies.

"We will stay in solidarity with Nato," he said on television. "The question is on the starting point . . . if there is not agreement in talks between the United States and the Soviet Union, Belgium will deploy. There is no problem."

He said his Government's decision on deployment would have to be submitted for discussion to Parliament, where his Flemish Social Christian Party faces stiff opposition. "We have a small majority and I have to engage my majority on the decision the Government will take."

Mr Martens, through the Belgian Ambassador in Washington, denied a report on Monday that he had told Flemish television that the deployment would not begin in March.

In talks with President Reagan on Monday he confirmed his "attachment" to the 1979 Nato decision to deploy 48 cruise missiles in Belgium. But he did not commit himself on when deployment would begin.

● MADRID: The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, will pay an official visit to Spain next month, according to reports published here yesterday (Harry Debelius writes).

The proposed visit was reported by the official Spanish News Agency Efe, although it was not confirmed immediately by the Spanish Foreign Ministry.

Mr Gromyko paid his first official visit to Spain in 1979, nearly three years after the post-Franco Government established diplomatic relations with Moscow. At the time he advised the Spanish Government not to make his country a member of Nato. Spain subsequently joined the organisation despite his advice.

Mr Gromyko made several trips to Madrid after that to attend sessions of the Conference on Security and co-operation in Europe, which took place here between 1980 and 1983.

He is expected to emphasize the Kremlin's opposition to the further deployment of nuclear missiles in Europe by Nato, and to encourage Spanish authorities to stick to their decision to prohibit the siting or storage of nuclear weapons anywhere in the country.

Tanker trial puzzle

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Is the scuttling of a supertanker a crime in Liberia or Senegal?

The Piraeus Appeal Court decided yesterday that it needs to know this before proceeding with the trial of 13 men charged with fraud in connection with the sinking of the 214,000-ton Liberian tanker Salem off Senegal in 1980 after allegedly embezzling its oil cargo.

The court, which adjourned the case to March 20, asked the prosecutor to establish whether the tanker had sunk in Senegalese territorial waters or in the high seas.

In the first instance, the defendants would be answerable to the charge of scuttling the ship only if Senegalese law treats it as a crime. Otherwise, the law of the state of the ship's flag, Liberia, would have to be taken into consideration.

The court rejected all other defence objections, including assertions that some of the defendants had already been tried in Liberia on the same charges, and acquitted.

Permit clue to cover-up of priest's killing

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The mystery of a forged secret police car permit may be a vital clue in determining whether there was a high-level cover-up in the killing of pro-Solidarity Priest, Father Jerzy Popieluszko, court sources reported yesterday from Torun.

The court, trying four Polish secret police officers for their part in the murder of the outspoken priest, yesterday heard testimony from five witnesses in the Interior Ministry's transport division, responsible for allocating and servicing agents' cars.

All secret police officers are required to obtain special permits from their superior officers before using official cars and must return them with the vehicle after use. But an important discrepancy came to light after the murder of Father Popieluszko, which was carried out with the help of an official car.

Three days after the kidnapping, former Captain Grzegorz Piotrowski, the acknowledged ringleader of the assault on the priest, gave the permit to his regular driver, Mr Wojciech Kaczorowski. Some days later the driver noticed that the car had been used, according to the date on the permit, on October 19, the night of the kidnap.

As there was already a hue and cry in the ministry, he became suspicious and decided to check whether the permit had been genuinely authorized by Captain Piotrowski's superior, Colonel Adam Pietruszka. After checking with colleagues he could find no trace of forgery and persuaded a police friend, Mr Jozef Maj, to give the permit to General Zenon Platek, head of the church monitoring department.

General Platek's reaction was one of surprise and dismay," testified Mr C Maj yesterday. "Where did you get this from?" he said."

The problem is that the copy of the car permit in court files bears obvious signs of having been forged. The date in Roman numerals, appears to have been smudged to change September into October. Yet neither the driver nor his colleague saw any obvious signs of forgery.

The suspicion is that that somebody changed the car permit, after it was handed to General Platek, to make it seem as if Captain Piotrowski was acting independently. This would have the effect of camouflaging the role of Colonel Pietruszka.

Mr Pietruszka sits in the dock, charged with complicity in the murder of the priest, while Mr Piotrowski and his two subordinates, former Lieutenants, Waldemar Chmielewski and Leszek Pekala, are accused of having carried out the kidnap and the killing. All four have been stripped to private and face a possible death sentence.

Yesterday Mr Waldemar Chmielowski, Popieluszko's driver was due to testify but due to a confusion in the court documents he has received a summons for tomorrow.

About 22 witnesses will give evidence and the testimonies of another 60 are to be read out by the judges.

Finns say Soviet missile was not cruise

Helsinki (Reuter) – Finland's defence chief, General Jaako Valtanen, said that the Soviet missile which crashed in Finland last month was not a cruise missile, despite Norwegian claims that Moscow had admitted it was.

"The sensation-seeking term cruise missile, does not fit in with our view of the missile type concerned. Why the Norwegians chose to use the word remains a matter of conjecture", he said.

General Valtanen said the object, which crashed near Finland's border with Norway, and the Soviet Union on December 28, was flying too high to be a ground-hugging missile like cruise. The Soviet Union apologized to Finland and Norway.

Berlin firing range opens

Bonn – A controversial new firing range for the British garrison in West Berlin came into partial operation yesterday despite attempts by two local citizens to get a court order blocking its use (Michael Binyon writes).

The range at Gatow on the western edge of the city will be used for firing practice three times a week until April during the days and also up to three times a month in the evenings. It is expected to come into full operation in November.

Senator held

Washington (AFP) – Republican Senator Lowell Weicker of Connecticut was arrested outside the South African Embassy here as a series of anti-apartheid demonstrations entered their ninth week. He was the first senator to be arrested.

35th draw

Moscow (Reuter) – The champion, Anatoly Karpov and Gary Kasparov drew the 41st game of their world chess title match here on the 71st move. Karpov leads 5-1, needing only one more victory. It was the 35th draw.

Customs haul

Kuwait (Reuter) – Kuwaiti customs authorities have found 50 machine guns and a number of pistols in unclaimed baggage. The haul also included hashish, pornographic films and 154 forged Djibouti passports.

Speed protest

Berne (Reuter) – A Swiss group opposed to the new lower speed limits of 75 mph on motorways introduced this month has gained enough support for a referendum to raise the speed limit again. It presented petitions bearing 263,000 signatures.

Attaché expelled

Madrid (Reuter) – The Soviet cultural attaché in Spain, Mr Yuri Kolesnikov, was expelled last Friday for alleged espionage, official sources said yesterday. He was the 14th Soviet official to be expelled from Spain since the two countries re-established diplomatic relations in 1977 after a break of nearly four decades.

Rooftop chase

Vibo Valentia, Italy (AP) – A suspected gangland member, sought for questioning in nine murders was captured after a dawn gunfight and rooftop chase. Two other people were arrested on charges of giving refuge to Giuseppe Mancuso, aged 36.

18-hour siege

Vegreville, Alberta (Reuter) – A man with a fanatical hatred of police killed a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and then shot himself after an 18-hour siege in this quiet prairie town. A second policeman was slightly wounded.

Slide kills 40

Rio de Janeiro (AP) – A rock slide, caused by torrential rains tore through a crowded hillside shantytown, killing at least 40 people and injuring dozens of others.

TV blackout

Hiddesen, West Germany (AP) – A 975 sq ft antenna owned by the West German radio network toppled, blacking out radio and television broadcasts to much of north-central Germany.

Airport clash

Tokyo (AP) – Police arrested 43 demonstrators, many of them left-wing students, after a clash during anti-airport demonstrations near the new Tokyo international airport.

Fined a sheep

Abidjan (Reuter) – People caught digging for snails in the central Ghanaian town of Sarpeh will be fined a sheep and a bottle of the local alcoholic brew. Snail digging is ruining farmland.

N Ireland escapes milk levy

From Our Own Correspondent, Brussels

Northern Ireland dairy farmers stand to be reprieved by the European Commission from paying superlevy charges for over-production this year, which are estimated to total £5 million.

This is because the European Commission has relaxed its firm position against any changes in the milk quota system.

Farm ministers meeting in Brussels yesterday were told that a whole series special cases had been accepted by Mr Frans Andriessen, who controls the Community's agriculture.

Northern Ireland, where farmers have been producing substantially more than allowed under the quota system, stands to benefit from a concession granted to France. This will allow milk production to be assessed regionally, with surpluses in one area being set against shortfalls in another. Britain as a whole is well below its fixed quota.

As far as Britain is concerned, Mr Andriessen has agreed to allow much greater flexibility in where farmers sell their milk. Instead of being forced to sell to the Milk Marketing Board or through a local dairy in fixed proportions, they will be allowed to change the quantities going to different outlets according to supply and demand.

Plumb says EMS would have protected pound

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The pound would have been protected against the dollar in recent days if it had been inside the European Monetary System (EMS), Sir Henry Plumb, leader of the Conservative group, told the European Parliament in Strasbourg yesterday.

Sir Henry said he hoped it would not be long now before Britain joined the EMS fully. He knew that all the main banks in Britain were now in favour, while the council of the Confederation of British Industry was also prepared to support the idea.

Had sterling been inside the EMS exchange control mechanism, the Bank of England would have been forced to intervene much earlier and so would have avoided the sudden action of this week.

Sir Henry said he knew the situation was under review in the Government, though he feared that, if Britain were to ask to join now, it would be seen by other EEC countries as an attempt to prop up the pound in a crisis. There was a need for period of stability before an application could be made.

M Jacques Delors, the new president of the European Commission, had provoked debate on the EMS in his inaugural speech to the Parliament on Monday. He said yesterday that he was aware that there was a growing lobby for joining the system in Britain and he did not want to do anything to upset it.

But it would be a significant gesture amounting to an institutional innovation if Britain were to join, he said. It would be a real milestone at a time when so many questions were being asked about what the community could do.

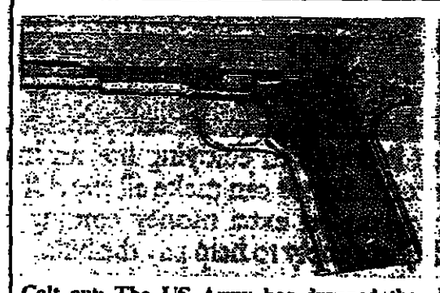
M Delors was speaking after the parliament had voted by 207 to 34, with 37 abstentions, to accept his new Commission. It will be reviewing its position in March, when the new President has promised that he will give fuller details of his programme.

Returned ETA man freed

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

An important phase of Spain's effort to give former extremists an opportunity to become peaceful citizens ended successfully here as the 144th member of a faction of the ETA walked out of a Madrid courtroom, free on bail and expecting a pardon, after his voluntary return from exile in France.

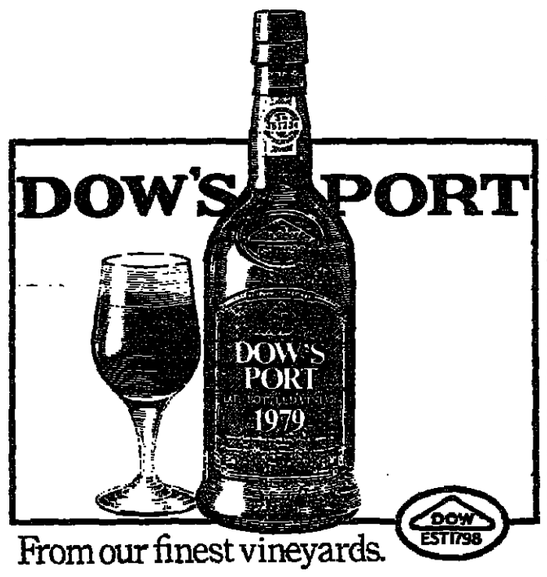
Señor Joseba Aulestia, until his return a leading member of the Seventh Assembly of ETA's Political-Military Organization, was the last of the faction to take advantage of measures worked out in secrecy beginning in 1981, soon after it decided to lay down its arms.



Colt out: The US Army has dropped the Colt 45 handgun it has used since 1911.



Beretta in: Its replacement is the Italian Beretta 9mm, more accurate and durable.



Britons advised to quit Juba area of Sudan

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

The British Embassy in Khartum yesterday advised Britons to leave the Juba area of southern Sudan after reports of attacks by rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) near the town.

The warning was broadcast in the BBC's World Service at the request of the Foreign Office. It said that people who did not take notice of its would have no facilities provided for them later by the British authorities.

The warning was directed only to Britons in the area east of the Nile, giving the impression that conditions were comparatively calm further west. There are thought to be about 100 Britons in the Juba area – teachers, missionaries or aid workers.

Plot to export terror

Iran sets up suicide squads

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Ayatollah Khatami said he and Mirhashem first took their plans for the suicide squads to Ayatollah Khomeini on May 14 and gained his approval immediately. "Whatever is necessary to destroy them must be done," Ayatollah Khomeini is reported to have said.

Ayatollah Khatami added that the plans, to be examined later by the meeting, were more than 200 pages long. Perhaps this, together with Ayatollah Khomeini's alleged approval of it, explains why the minutes do not contain any suggested amendments from the others present, though they included the Minister of Foreign Affairs, or one of his senior aides, and all the top commanders of the armed forces.

According to the Ayatollah, the unit was to be built around the nucleus of "a few groups of 10 to 20 people each who are currently serving in Lebanon". Though officially a secret branch of the Revolutionary Guards or one of the other armed forces, "to avoid any legal difficulties" it would act independently and report directly to the Supreme Commander, Ayatollah Khomeini.

The meeting was then briefed by Mirhashem, who referred to the Lebanese groups under his command as being "known to the outside world as suicide groups". He said his organization had been "assisted by five Muslim brothers of occupied Palestine who have for many years served in the army of the occupiers of Jerusalem and who will be making all their knowledge available to us".



Ayatollah Khomeini: Killers will report to him.

Mirhashem complained, however, that the increased vigilance of the Arab countries in the region, and the inadequacy of the military training of his men had rendered Iran unable to topple the government's opposed to it "except by blows brought to bear from within".

He requested that specialized instructors from the armed forces be seconded to his organization by July 1, and some 1,500 to 2,000 men under 30 and preferably bachelors, be introduced by July 23. "They must be completely committed to martyrdom".

He also requested co-operation from the Foreign Ministry to send abroad, in the guise of military attaches, his intelligence agents. Other requests included a secure, isolated base for training the men, and facilities for teaching them to pilot light aircraft and naval vessels.

Mirhashem enumerated his targets as a first tier of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, a second tier of Jordan, and the third tier of France and "any other countries that might oppose the Islamic Republic".

He said it would take at least until the next summer before his men would be able to go into action, and he feared the possibility of a lull in their activities in the meantime.

US airman may have died in Unita raid

By Richard Dowden

An incinerated body found in the wreckage of a Transamerica Hercules transport plane, blown up in attack by United rebels on the Angolan diamond mining town of Canfunfu in December, is thought to be that of a missing American crewman.

First Officer William Read has been missing since the battle on December 29, but the body is burnt too badly for identification.

Reports from the area say the battle had been going on for several hours and there had been strikes by government MiG aircraft on the rebels before the Hercules flew in, apparently unaware of the fighting. The crew was seen to leap out and scatter. The other three were captured by Unita troops and are being marched southwards to the rebel headquarters at Jamba in south-eastern Angola.

Three Britons and 17 Portuguese were also taken hostage in the attack and are expected to be released without conditions in Jamba at the beginning of next month.

Mr Marrack Goulding, the British Ambassador in Angola, visited the diamond area last week.

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

Senator Gary Hart made his alternative strategy for Nato the major pronouncement of his visit to Britain. The essence of the case he presented in his lecture at Edinburgh University on Saturday was that it would be desirable to raise the strategic nuclear threshold in Europe, that this requires strengthening Nato conventional forces to the point where they balance those of the Warsaw Pact, that if this were done on the basis of present costs and policies it would bankrupt Western governments, and that new military thinking is therefore necessary.

As a broad concept this chain of ideas seems to be impeccable. In particular, Senator Hart has grasped the truth which has eluded so many of those who want to strengthen Nato conventional forces: that to do so without counting the economic cost would be positively damaging to the alliance.

Unless other changes were made, it would be highly expensive to raise Nato conventional forces to equal those of the Warsaw Pact. The effect would be to impose such an economic burden on those governments which adopted this policy as to make politically vulnerable. To try to strengthen Nato by inviting those governments most favourable to the alliance to commit suicide would not be very smart.

Senator Hart proposes to escape this trap by increasing "the strength of our conventional defences substantially *within* current budget limitations". But would this be politically feasible?

A bigger role for territorials

He believes that the best way to use the present level of resources more efficiently would be to create additional operational reserves. This could be done partly by copying the Dutch RIM system, whereby "entire companies pass out of active service together, first into a five-month leave period, then into the reserve for a further 15 months"; partly by putting new emphasis on light infantry; and partly by making greater use of territorials.

I do not know whether it would be possible to build up Nato's reserves to the required level without restoring conscription in Britain. But neither does Senator Hart. He does not regard it as possible for him, with the limited number of staff at his disposal, to check all the practical implications of every proposal which he considers desirable in principle.

Up to a point, that is fair enough. But to reintroduce conscription in Britain, whatever the military attractions of such a policy, would to my mind not be practical politics in present circumstances. The feasibility of Senator Hart's strategy for Nato depends in the first instance upon that not being required.

There is a broader point here which applies to all those who keep on about raising the nuclear threshold in Europe. If it is not politically possible to increase Nato conventional forces sufficiently, there is a danger of simply weakening confidence in the credibility of the deterrent.

Fewer US forces on the ground

A similar anxiety applies to Senator Hart's belief that "the Europeans will have to bear more of the burden of providing adequate ground forces in Europe". He is not one of those who want to bully Europe into contributing more to its own defence, and he voted in Congress against the Nunn amendment. But he considers it inevitable in the long run that the United States will play a larger part in the naval and air protection of Europe, and have fewer forces on the ground over here.

A possible trend is all the more likely to become inevitable, however, when it is embraced by a potential president. American troops in Europe not only contribute to conventional defence, but give credibility to the US nuclear guarantee.

This does not mean that the American contingent can never be reduced by a single man, but it would be dangerous to take a decision on conventional forces without considering whether it would weaken the credibility of the nuclear deterrent.

It is natural and desirable that various attempts should be made in the coming years to supplement the threat of nuclear retaliation in the defence of the West. But it is critical that such measures should never weaken the deterrent because it will remain the basis of our security for as far ahead as it is possible to foresee.

The Israeli withdrawal

Peres says army will be home from Lebanon by summer

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

As Israel's army of occupation yesterday began preparations for the first stage of its withdrawal from Lebanon, Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, pledged that all three phases of the move back to the northern border would be completed by the summer.

The approximate date came despite the fact that the Israeli Government has not made so far any precise timetable for the start of the second or third stages of the complex operation.

Mr Peres, whose political standing has been boosted by the unequivocal withdrawal decision, gave a warning of a real danger of massacres in the territory evacuated by Israel.

He said this was why Israel was still hoping for a last minute agreement with the Lebanese and Syrian authorities, and told a student meeting that every effort would be taken to ensure that the withdrawal was conducted in an orderly way.

His warning follows reports that hundreds of Lebanese Christians now living in the occupied zone are planning to move south when the Army pulls back. It came as Israeli sources disclosed the assassination of yet another south Lebanese leader accused of collaborating with the occupation army.

According to Israeli radio, the murder took place after the Muslim leader in question had been quoted on radio as warning that the large south Lebanese town of Nabatea – due to become the main centre of population left within of the Israeli zone when the Army leaves Sidon next month – would become a town of "fire and blood" after the departure of Israeli troops.

Earlier, Mr Peres argued that the 16-6 cabinet vote for a phased withdrawal took Israel back to the decision agreed at the outset of the 1982 invasion to "clean out a hostile terrorist infrastructure" within a 25-mile radius of the border, and then to bring the troops home.

He revealed that the Cabinet had been presented with four alternatives by the defence establishment. "We chose the alternative which in our view, and in the opinion of the General Staff, was the least bad, and relatively speaking, the best," he said.

Among many ordinary Israelis there is undisguised relief at the prospect of an end to a war which has already claimed 609 Jewish lives and caused 3,500 Jewish casualties.

But this view is not shared by community leaders from Israel's northern towns and settlements, a number of whom have expressed deep concern about the possible resumption of rocket and other cross-border attacks.

In the border town of Nahariya yesterday, senior army officers including Lieutenant-General Moshe Levy, the Israeli Chief of Staff, tried to reassure heads of local councils about the consequences of the evacuation.

General Levy said Israel would continue to fight "the terrorists" after the withdrawal: whoever tried to attack the north should know that Israel would react. A similar pledge has been made by Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister.

Misgivings about Monday's cabinet decision were also voiced by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Foreign Minister and leader of the right-wing Likud faction, who said the plan did not contain "the basic minimum of security arrangements for the Galilee settlement."

Mr Shamir, who is described by political observers as not wanting to be outflanked by hawks in his party at a time when his leadership is under question, is to succeed Mr Peres as Prime Minister in September 1986.

Some military commentators point out that the new front line – which will stretch some three miles north of the River Litani – will have several drawbacks in comparison with the present one along the Awali River.



ISRAEL'S ROLE

March 1978: Israelis launch Operation Litani against Palestinians in southern Lebanon.
June 1978: Israeli forces withdraw.
June 1982: Israel invades Lebanon for second time.
September 15: Israeli troops enter West Beirut after assassination of President Bashir Gemayel.
September 17 and 18: Sabra and Chatila massacre by Falangist troops in West Beirut refugee camps.
February 1983: Publication of Kahan Commission report on massacres, leading to resignation of Mr Ariel Sharon as Defence Minister.
February 1985: First phase of three-stage withdrawal to international border due.
Since June 1982, 609 Israeli lives have been lost in the Lebanon war and a further 3,500 Jews were wounded.

Syrians join demand for unconditional pullback

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

Lebanon and Syria yesterday called for the "unconditional withdrawal" of Israeli troops from southern Lebanon after the Israel announcement of a three-stage plan for a phased pull back.

The Lebanese Prime Minister, Mr Rashid Karami, said on the radio that "our objective is to achieve an unconditional Israeli withdrawal from our land. Therefore, it is not important how this withdrawal should be realized. But what's important is that it should lead to the recovery of Lebanon's sovereignty and unconditional liberation".

The Prime Minister's words were echoed later by the Shiite Muslim leader Mr Nabih Berri, who is State Minister for south Lebanon and whose sect is the dominant one in the occupied south.

"What concerns us is the complete and unconditional withdrawal", he told reporters. The Israelis should expect "continuaion of support for the Lebanese national resistance because it is still the only card in the hand of the Lebanese until the departure of Israel".

Government - controlled newspapers in Syria insisted that Israel should reap no benefits from the occupation. *Tishrin* said in a leading article that "this announcement proves what a deep crisis Israel is in, and that should encourage the Lebanese negotiators not to give the Israeli occupier any kind of gains or profits at the expense of Lebanese sovereignty".

Al-Thawra ascribed the Israeli decision to "blows dealt by Lebanese resistance fighters". There was no alternative to a "total, unconditional" Israeli withdrawal.



Waiting for verdict: Mr Ariel Sharon, Israel's former Minister of Defence, talks to the press as a New York jury deliberates for the second day on his $50 million libel suit against *Time* magazine, which he claims falsely accused him of encouraging Lebanese Phalangists to commit mass murder.

Argentina says rearmament is impossible

From Douglas Tweedale
Buenos Aires

Argentina's Defence Ministry has denied that it is rearming for a war of attrition against British forces on the Falkland Islands, saying a Bradford University report on the subject is "totally incorrect".

Press reports of the School of Peace Studies report, which claims that Argentina has rebuilt its armed forces to a higher level than before it invaded the islands in 1982 and is in a position to wage a war of harassment in the South Atlantic, also provoked heated denials from private groups here.

The Defence Ministry spokesman, Señor Pedro Coria, said Argentina had not purchased any new weapons systems since President Alfonsin took office

"With the current budget, a programme of rearmament would be absolutely impossible," Señor Coria said.



Visual proof: Mr Nkomo shows reporters his battered bullet-proof Mercedes

Christian allies melting away

By Robert Fisk
Middle East Correspondent

The "South Lebanon Army" militia, upon which Israel will have to rely when it starts its military withdrawal from southern Lebanon next month is already in a state of near-disintegration as its members come under increasing guerrilla attack.

Of its 2,000 men, as many as 500 are believed to have left its ranks in the past eight weeks, including most of the Christian militia men in the mountain town of Jezzine.

A senior Israeli liaison officer in southern Lebanon, Colonal Shlomo Alia, recently conceded that relations between his Army and "pro-Israeli elements" had deteriurated because of the withdrawal plan.

In Sidon, and on the mountain road towards Jezzine, which will be abandoned by the Israelis, there is increasing fear among the Christian community that it will come under attack from Druze forces to the north the moment the last Israeli tank moves south.

Some of the local Christian militia men have returned to the Phalangist forces in Beirut, while others have simply reverted to civilian life. Further south – in those areas of Southern Lebanon in which the Israelis say they will stay for longer – local Shia Muslim villages have now been given detailed instructions on how to oppose the Israeli Army

Originally published in the left-wing Beirut newspaper *As Safir*, the instructions urge villagers to avoid "traitors" – Israel's local Lebanese informers – and stay away from towns raided regularly by Israeli soldiers. "All inhabitants of villages to be raided by the Israelis should be warned by loudspeakers (on the mosques)," one instruction reads. "People should gather in one place: the roads leading to the village should be blocked by burning tyres".

Another order warns villagers that "if you see an unidentified body or package on the road, leave immediately". Local Lebanese are also warned about the danger of touching booby-traps set for the Israelis or their militiamen. "Do not pass through barricades on minor roads", the instructions say. "Do not touch stones on main roads, especially from stone walls bordering gardens".

When driving at night, the list adds, motorists should "inform the resistance in a proper manner". Just how this should be done is not explained.

Indignant Nkomo to carry on campaign

From Jan Raath
Harare

Mr Joshua Nkomo, the president of Zimbabwe's main opposition party Zapu, promised yesterday to continue a countrywide pre-election tour, even though he has received no assurances of official protection.

"I am a citizen of this country, and I am going to travel around this country," he told a press conference.

Last Friday he ran a gauntlet of sticks, stones and abuse from youthful Zanu (PF) party militants in the staunchly pro-Mugabe town of Masvingo.

He said his car was shot at during the violence, but on Zimbabwe television on Monday night, Mr Simbi Mubako, the Minister of Home Affairs, said police had made no reports to him of gunfire.

Mr Nkomo's bullet-proofed black Mercedes was parked in the grounds of his home in the township of Highfield yesterday, and three police ballistics and forensic experts arrived to examine it just before the press conference. They took samples and photographs, but said it was not immediately obvious that the vehicle had been struck by bullets.

Mr Nkomo said he would return to his "meet the people" tour on Sunday next week, in the northern town of Chinoyi. "I hope and believe Zanu (PF) will take the lead and stop this nonsense," he said. "This is what is happening towards free and fair elections."

Australian bush fire toll rises to four

From A Correspondent
Melbourne

The death toll has risen to four, with more than 70 people injured, in 219 bush fires which have swept the Australian state of Victoria for two days. The latest victim died in the Maryborough area 100 miles north-west of here. Police have not found the body.

Earlier, a 61-year-old man and his grandsons, aged 7 and 10, died while trying to escape the blaze at Kilmore, 30 miles north of here. the bodies were found huddled together in a field 200 yards from their home. Police were unsure if they were trying to flee the fire or running towards the safety of the house. Damage in the state is estimated at Aus $20 million (£14 million), with more than 150 homes lost, 272,000 acres destroyed and 20,000 livestock killed. The National Disaster Organization in Canberra has sent 200 troops, six helicopters and two aircraft to help the 2,000 beleagured firefighters.

In the winter the township of Bright, in the Victorian Alps, is the base for many skiers but it is now threatened by a blaze on a 30-mile front which has already destroyed 62,000 acres.

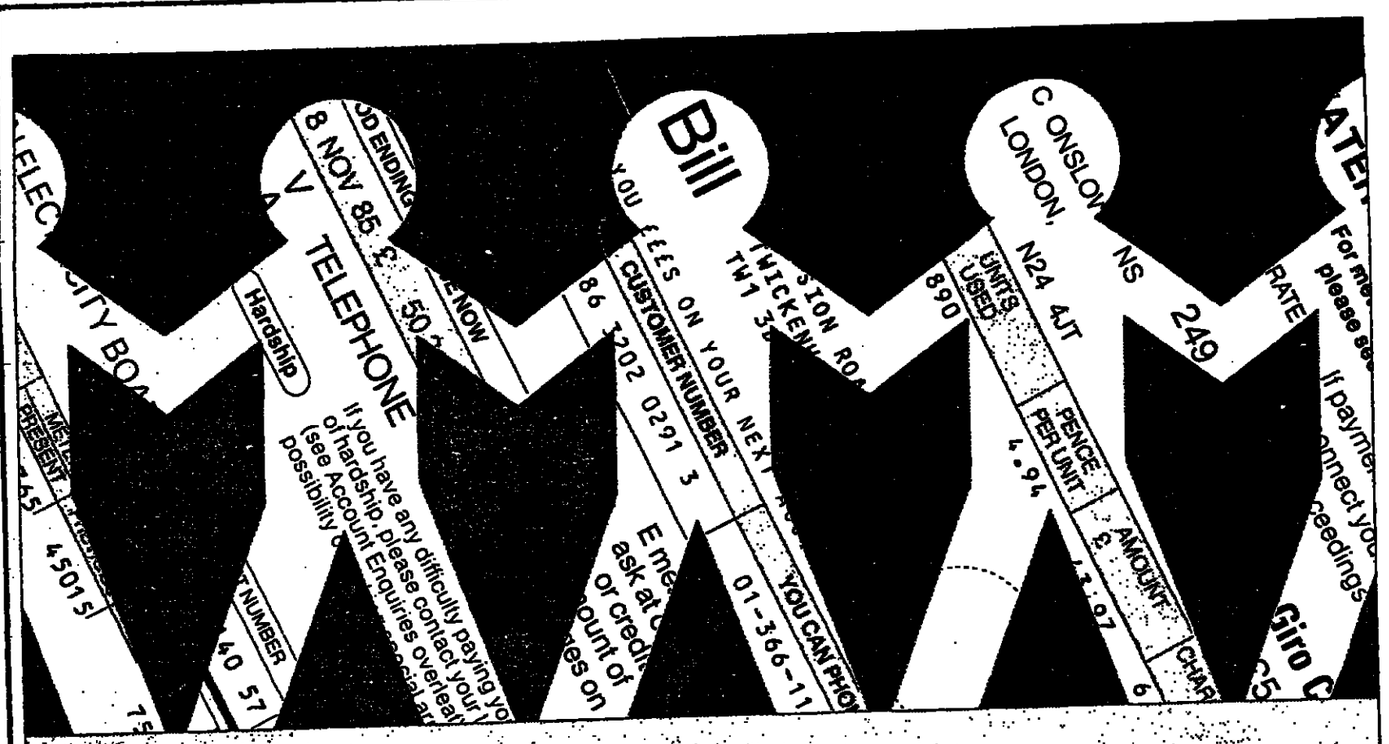
Thousands of firefighters in New south Wales were put on standby as 40 deg C (104 deg F) temperatures were forecast. Across the border in South Australia, two large fires were out of control in the north and north-east of the state.

Boy saves 10 on ice floe

Lirk, The Netherlands (AP) – Paddling his small plastic boat four times through the icy waters off this Dutch fishing town, 12-year-old Rense Bakker rescued 10 children trapped on an ice floe in the Ijsselmeer inland sea.

He was using his 6ft inflatable dinghy as a sledge on a snowy dyke outside the town on Monday afternoon when he spotted a large chunk of ice floating away from shore – with 14 children and an adult on it. "I grabbed the one paddle I had with me and ran for the gap between the shore and the ice", the boy said.

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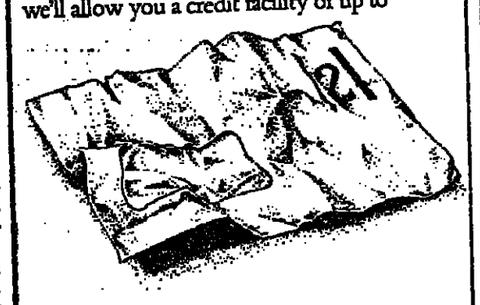
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Nyerere's high hopes dashed

Dream turns to nightmare

From Michael Prest, Dar es Salaam

Dar es Salaam never had the *picturesque quality of Kampala* or the big city atmosphere of Nairobi. In a previous incarnation as Tanganyika, Tanzania was the poor member of the *East African Federation. Its hot* and humid coastal climate was less attractive to Europeans than the cool freshness of the Kenyan or Ugandan highlands.

But perhaps nowhere in *a continent* assailed by disappointment is the cruelty of high hopes dashed more obvious than in Dar. External events such as the oil price *increase* and the depression have conspired with internal mistakes to transform President Julius Nyerere's dream of African socialism, promising prosperity through co-operative endeavour, into a nightmare of foreign debt, food shortages, and near economic breakdown.

The food shortages are politically most dangerous. President Nyerere freely admits that Tanzania should be able to feed its 19m people. But at the moment it cannot and there is no foreign exchange with which *to import food. Many of the* shelves in Dar's shops are bare, and the produce in the markets is often unappetizing.

Although it is hard to gain a true picture, one suspects that *conditions in the countryside* are even worse. Peasants who were compelled to leave their land to form *"ujamaa"* or state organised co-operatives – President Nyerere deprecates use of the word "collectives" – are drifting away to cultivate their own land again, or they congregate around the towns, a *discontented sub-group which* the government periodically tries to shift.

Prices for the cash crops they were supposed to grow – sisal, cashews, cotton and pyrethrum – have tumbled. But that does not wholly explain the *simultaneous collapse in crop* volumes. More and more the whisper in Tanzania is that *ujamaa* has failed. And the failure is not only agricultural. The *consequent foreign* exchange shortage has exposed Tanzania to outside pressures and compromised the independence which was the basis of Mr Nyerere's *policy.*

The desperate lack of hard currency is evident everywhere. At Dar's international airport a *new* terminal building, started some years ago by an Italian company, stands half finished because there is no money to complete the job.

While the four-lane highway from the airport into town is in reasonable repair, the broken down vehicles lining the verges are not.

Tourism exemplifies the dilemma posed by this sorry state of affairs. Endowed with the magnificence of Mount Kilimanjaro and the expanse of Serengeti game park, Tanzania *should draw tourists. But Dar's* New Africa Hotel is a sad contrast with Nairobi's gleaming tower blocks. Although it is the proud possessor of the only public air-conditioned room in Dar, the furnishings are torn and worn. A suspiciously well-spiced chicken indicated an heroic struggle by the chef against short odds.

It is not surprising that one senses changes in the air. Overt opposition is slight. A Preventive Detention Act gives dissenters short shift. But there was a half-baked coup attempt earlier in the year and President Nyerere has said he will not stand in next year's election – albeit an election with only one candidate.

Some two decades after the wind of change which brought independence to Tanzania a fresh breeze is wafting through Dar es Salaam.

Final group of six end sit-in at embassy

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

The last six East Germans in the West German Embassy in Prague yesterday returned *home to East* Germany, ending a 16-week occupation that at one stage involved about 160 people.

The six left the baroque *embassy building* in the centre of Prague without any guarantee from East Berlin that they would be allowed to emigrate to West Germany as they had sought. *But their* applications will be considered

The embassy was forced to close on October 4 *after more* than 150 East Germans had camped inside, in an attempt to gain exit visas. Difficult and protracted discussions have followed between officials *from* Bonn and East Berlin, but the *East Germans* have refused to give any emigration guarantees for fear of encouraging more refugees. *Bonn has* warned East Germans repeatedly not to use its diplomatic missions as short-cuts to the West.

In mid-November the first group of 50 returned home, while others said they were determined to hold out. In December about 40 began a hunger strike, but called it off *after Bonn officials*, including Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, said nothing more could be done.

Herr Wolfgang Vogel, the East German lawyer negotiating on East Berlin's behalf, yesterday gave a warning against such episodes. Herr Heinrich Windelen, the Bonn Minister for Inner-German Relations, said he hoped all the asylum seekers would now be *allowed to emigrate.*

Rajiv promises his majority will not steamroller the Opposition

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi



Rajiv Gandhi: Handshakes across party divides.

With a flourish of warm feelings, handshakes across the party divides, mutual applause and a series of promises not to oppress the opposition, Mr *Rajiv Gandhi took possession* of his inheritance yesterday. The new lower house of Parliament, the Lok Sabha or People's Assembly, met for the *first time since the Prime* Minister's party, Congress (I), won its overwhelming victory at the polls.

Congress MPs occupied four *of the six wedges of seats in the* semi-circular chamber, while the fifth wedge was largly filled by independents and members supporting Congress from other parties. *Only the sixth wedge of* seats was occupied by the genuine parliamentary Opposition.

Predominant here were the *28 members of Telegu Desam*, the regional party from the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, who now form the biggest single opposition party and whose leader, Mr N. T. Rama Rao, smiled down from the distinguished visitors' gallery.

Mr Rama Rao wore his familiar saffron robes, but for the occasion he had instructed his MPs to dress in yellow. *They all wore acid yelow* shawls, yellow shirts or saris and white trousers or dhotis. They provided a brilliant splash of colour among the plain array of grey *Nehru jackest on most* of the other benches.

The session was opened by the veteran parliamentarian, Mr Jagivan Ram, the lone representative *of his party, Congress (J)*, in parliament. He was appointed pro-tem Speaker of the house until a new Speaker may be elected, having been in every parliament since the Constituent Assembly first met in 1946.

Mr Gandhi was the first MP to be sworn in. *He took the oath* in Hindi, while most of the ministers who followed him took it in English. Only a few affirmed. Two Muslim members took the oath in Urdu.

Before the assembly met, Mr Gandhi addressed a meeting of his parliamentary party, promising to use his unprecedented majority to reinforce democracy and not suppress it. Democratic ideals will never be sacrificed, he *insisted.* "We cannot force or suppress anything."

At the same time, however, a row was brewing over the election of a Deputy Speaker in the house. The Deputy Speaker generally comes from an opposition party, but this time it seems that the name of a member of the Tamil Regional Party (All-India Anna Dravida Munnettra Kazhagam), which was in formal alliance with Congress at the election, will be put in the job.

The other opposition parties are annoyed by this, and representatives of the 12 of them met under the chairmanship of Mr Madhu Dandavate of the Janata Party to protest and urge consultations upon the ruling party.

Mr Rama Rao also took the opportunity to do some urging of his own. Addressing a crowded conference of press and legislators, he called the election result "one in favour of evolving a true federation. Where the union government recognizes, nurtures and promotes regional interests".

He described how his party was facing up to its new responsibilities in the house by allocating a different state to each member to study and take responsibility for.

Boy shot dead in riot over kites

A 44-hour curfew was imposed yesterday on parts of the western Indian city of *Ahmedabad* after a 12-year-old boy was killed and 13 people injured in Hindu-Muslim rioting (AP reports). A dispute over kite-flying led to rioting during a *Hindu harvest festival, in which* the boy was killed and the people were wounded when police fired on rioters. Ten policemen and a civilian were *hurt in the rioting.*

He also discussed the idea of setting up a national party, somehow formed from a federation *of regional parties.* He plans to call the new body Bharat Desam (Indian Nation) but it remains to be seen how far the leaders of other parties are prepared to suppress their own national inclinations in favour of such a grouping.

Taiwan admits part in US murder

Taipei, The head of the Taiwans National Defence Ministry's *intelligence bureau* is to be suspended after the Government expressed shock yesterday that intelligence agents had been involved in the US murder of a Chinese-American writer (AFP reports).

Mr Chang King-yuh, director-general *of the Government* Information Office, acknowledged that members of the *intelligence bureau* "were involved in the murder of Henry Liu".

The intelligence chief, Lieutenant-General Wong Hsi-ling, will be replaced by General Wong Ching-hsu, director-general of the National Security Council.

Officials said that senior officials had not been involved directly in the murder in October in San Francisco.

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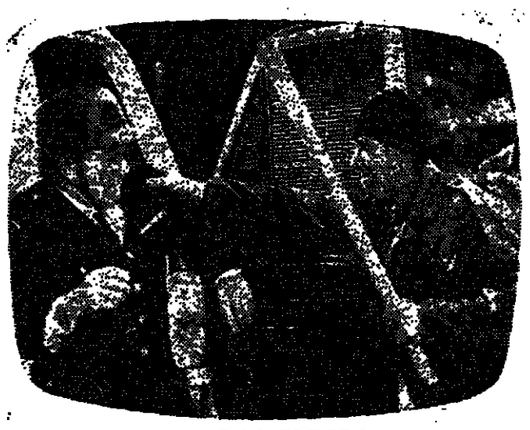
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Poverty in Andalusia

Landowners resist socialist reforms

From Richard Wigg, Antequera, Spain

In bright winter sunshine Andalusian day labourers are out in the fields now harvesting olives on the *big farms.* These provide them with their only assured work, three months a year. For the rest all but a lucky few must live on an unemployment allowance of less than £100 a month.

Mechanization on the land over the past 25 years has only worsened their lot.

Antequera, a hill-town 30 *miles north of Málaga*, has been selected by Andalusia's autonomous regional Government as the first area for another attempt at agrarian reform in *southern Spain. The civil war* put paid to the earlier attempt under the Second Republic.

Antequera was not selected by chance: the valley here is potentially rich farming land but chronically unexploited and with a heavy surplus of landless labourers.

In the municipality there were last year 15,000 jobless persons of working age in a total population of 67,000; and 6,500 *of* them were agricultural labourers, according to Señor Pedro de Rojao, the Socialist mayor.

A doctor from a big local land-owning family, he is rather exceptional with his keen social conscience; and he is clearly worried by *the resistance the* reform is now encountering. Born the year the civil war broke out, Señor Rojao told me: "As a child after that war I saw *appalling inequality*: perhaps that started me becoming a Socialist."

The mayor criticized the landowners for refusing to *evolve since* Franco times and collaborate with moderate agrarian reforms.

Andalusia's small farmers' association, which claims to represent the 87 per cent of the region's smallholders owning only 17 per cent of the agricultural land, has however welcomed the programme to modernize agriculture.

As an example of a much-needed reform, local land, good for dairy farming, grows cereals, *sunflowers and olives.* The land fetches high prices, in some cases as much as in France, officials say, not because of productivity but because it gives security and prestige.

Under the reform programme, the government has powers to expropriate land where yields are below 50 per cent of the regional average over the past five years.

If yields are below 80 per cent a progressive tax will penalize those under-working the land.

About £85m. has been allo*cated for this year, only* about one third of what experts said was needed for the first 12 months. This sum has to buy up neglected land, set up cooperatives to exploit it, and launch agricultural extension schemes.

Pressed by Andalusia's more than *half a million unemployed* last year, the Socialist Government got the reforms approved last June in the regional parliament but only with the *votes of its own supporters.* The right-wing opposition, representing the landowners, and the Communists both rejected it.

The Communist-led landworkers staged demonstrations demanding "a real land reform" and the *Málaga farmers' union* has gone to the courts to block implementation.

All farmers owning more than 50 hectars of irrigated land or 300 *hectars of dry land* are required to declare their holdings and production levels. With the two-months grace period now almost up, Señor Rojas said *no declarations had* yet been received from Antequera's farmers.

"It will be terrible if we fail again" he said.

China promises a better deal for its teachers

From Mary Lee, Peking

China's Minister of Education, Mr He Dongchang, yesterday took steps to placate discontented trainee teachers by promising to raise the political and social status of teachers.

Mr He told the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress that more funds would be *raised* for education and suggested that September 10, (the day school starts each year,) be declared National Teacher's Day.

Student teachers at Peking Normal University have been *protesting against* reduced grants. One of many posters at the college claims that students enter it proudly but leave *"with* heads bowed," because "we are the lowest among college students."

"Slogans cannot *fill our* stomachs," it says.

Mr He had said earlier that, as of January 1, the Government was allocating 1 billion *Renminbi, or Yuan (about £300* million) to teachers' wages, which would raise the salaries of primary and secondary school teachers.

However, this does not alleviate the economic hardship of trainee teachers – there are about 5,000 at Peking Normal University – whose already low stipend of 18 *Renminbi* a month will be paid only while classes are in session, according to a new policy.

THE ARTS

The film of *Amadeus* receives its Royal première in London tonight: **Peter Shaffer**, its author and now scriptwriter, explains the true source of his inspiration

Mozartian magic behind the masks



Photograph of Peter Shaffer by Bill Warhurst

At the climax of the play *Amadeus*, in a speech unfortunately never uttered on stage for reasons of length, the composer Antonio Salieri was to have informed the audience: "The God I acknowledge lives, for example, in bars 34 to 44 of Mozart's *Masonic Funeral Music*." The extremity of this statement – which, incidentally, is not uttered in the film version either, because of a less verbal and more cinematic script – stirred me profoundly. It permitted my protagonist to cite specific bars of music as evidence of the presence of divinity in the world, rather than just to talk in vague, exalted terms about genius. Surely the specific is always the point in art.

The tormented Kapellmeister could as well have cited many other examples in Mozart to make the same point: the setting of the words "Tutti contenti" at the end of *The Marriage of Figaro*; the harmonization of the Priests' response "Stärkt mit Geduld sie in Gefahr" in *The Magic Flute*; even, to be yet more extreme, the one bar in *Così fan tutte*, at the reprise of the tenor's tune "Un' aura amorosa", wherein a single note in the accompaniment descends a semitone, from F sharp to F natural. Of such things is heaven made.

What I wanted to emerge clearly from the play is the obsession of a man, Salieri – who in his own words was "created a pair of ears and nothing else" – with finding an absolute in music. Mozart's incomparability lies in the absolute nature of his achievements: the best of them cannot be even slightly rewritten without diminishment. Of course, great art always attests to the existence of absolutes: that is why the greatest offers the largest comfort – even as, temporarily, it can also induce the largest despair. At certain moments in art galleries, for example, we get the uneasy feeling we are not judging perfect paintings but that they are judging us.

My own apprehension of the divine is very largely aesthetic. I am aware that this is by no means a general condition. It is for this reason, and despite the popular attention given to my play, I find it hard to confess openly that the existence of Mozart (as of Shakespeare) is central to my belief in the sovereign value of mankind, when all around the horrors of the world conspire to convince one of its complete dispensability. Not to be vague, the creation of the C minor Mass or the final act of *Antony and Cleopatra* seems to me to give a point to evolution; most human activities do not.

Like all the greatest things – and only them – Mozart's finest achievements cannot be diminished by time. This became inescapably clear during the filming of *Amadeus*, under the direction of Milos Forman, in Czechoslovakia. In the picture, the music naturally became more prominent than in the play. This is not just because on screen one can show operas that can only be described on stage. The paradox is that in a live theatre one cannot successfully play long stretches of music without subverting the drama and turning the event into a concert, whereas the cinema positively *welcomes* music in floods – and, of course, acoustical inundation is very much the fate of drowning Salieri.



Music, sublime and unstaunchable, pouring in a stream over a gasping man's head, is of course the central subject of the film. To realize this in practice meant shooting whole sections of action to the sound of Mozart; playing his music out loud as cameras turned on salons and opera houses and open-air concerts. Inevitably, therefore, one heard it over and over again while sequences were filmed (at the very least) three times in long shot, three times in medium shot, three times in close-up, and then similarly filmed again and again from different angles. Most music subjected to such treatment would soon outlive its welcome; yet everything we played of Mozart – no matter how often repeated – never staled or irritated, nor lost its power to enchant.

I myself have found this mystery in Mozart to hold intact for almost 40 years, ever since, sitting on the grass of a hot summer garden in England, I first heard his Piano Concerto in A major, K488, on a wind-up portable gramophone. Hearing it now, I still become amazed all over again by its *certainty*. The best of Mozart's works – say, the last dozen of these piano concerti – demonstrate the thrilling paradox at the heart of created things: they justify obedience to form. Actually, they exult in it. They celebrate the idea of the correct, and prove beyond dispute the necessity of artifice. Such pieces are true examples of composition. I mean by this that they are composed in both senses of the word – as a serene work may be, or a serene woman. The formality of their structure both compresses and expresses the beauty; it acts as an unbreakable cup to contain the sweetest pressings of the wine. To an age which believes that everything should hang out, Mozart is a cautionary saint. He allows nothing to hang out.

There is, in fact, something almost terrifying about this restraint. Over and over as one listens, a joyful shadow, a shadowed joy, seems to pass swiftly over the music, as a cloud passes across a spring landscape, bringing with it a quite excruciating emotion for which there is no precise name, save perhaps that of the composer. A hearing of the slow movement of the Clarinet Quintet will evoke this effect at any time. It makes the rigorous turbulence of Beethoven seem over-insistent, and the lachrymose iterance of Mahler largely hysterical.

What seems especially wonderful to me is Mozart's use of major keys. I know it is usual among Mozartians to praise his use of the minor – to say that he is at his most "sublime" when writing in G minor and his most tragic in D minor – but I find this attitude completely incomprehensible and indeed uncomprehending. One never stops hearing about the tragic nature of the Fortieth Symphony, but to me the Thirty-ninth (in cheerful E flat) is an infinitely greater work, and the last movement of the Forty-first (in grand C: the "Jupiter") one of the supreme achievements of art.

Nobody has suffered more than Mozart from sentimental misjudgment. The last century dealt with the glory of his composure by calling him "mellifluous", as if he were really just the Fragonard of music. To the nineteenth century – which prized the *evidence* of effort – he was not wholly serious: charming, of course, but a little lightweight; graceful beyond measure, but lacking in muscle. The truth, of course, is entirely other. Try cutting into Mozart: you will soon find out where the muscle is. It runs right through the tissue of the music, and totally resists the knife.

For the same reason, his church pieces tended to be dismissed as secular and even frivolous. Not surprisingly, the



Victorians took only the uncompleted Requiem to their hearts – filled as it is with the heavy solemnity which they considered an indispensable mark of the sacred. To me, it seems very much music of death, but not of transfiguration. As a religious piece, it is infinitely less profound than the life-filled vaudeville of *The Magic Flute*, composed in the same last darkening year of its composer's life. Indeed, in the last darkening sequences of our film, we have tried to emphasize and dramatize a desperate tension created in the composer by these two emerging pieces, and the opposing worlds they represent: the shadowy and shining kingdoms in collision within one man.

It is this tension that provides the feverish atmosphere in which the climax of our cinematic story can appropriately take place. Incidentally, this is an entirely different climax from that of the play of *Amadeus*: a nightlong encounter between a physically dying Mozart and a spiritually ravenous Salieri – a scene obviously indefensible on factual grounds but, I hope, just as obviously defensible on those theatrical and cinematic ones which must always take precedence in a work of dramatic fiction. Holding fast to the thread of our protagonist's relentless lust to snatch a piece of divinity for himself, we were finally led to a scene which no biographer could possibly endorse for one second, but which nevertheless warms the heart of a playwright seeking a thrilling and a logical end to a compelling but incomplete legend. Upon this climax, and with huge trepidation, I invoke the blessing of Mozart himself – solely as a man of the theatre. For that, supremely, is what he is.

In this regard it is especially remarkable how dependent his stage pieces are on masks and disguises. Both Mozart and Lorenzo da Ponte, his librettist, appear to have had an almost obsessive interest in their use. Think of the Countess in *Figaro*, disguised as her own maid; of Leporello in *Don Giovanni*, disguised as his own master; of the conspiracy of masked avengers at the ball in the same opera, or the conspiring young men in *Così*, made up virtually throughout as Albanians. It is for this reason that in the play, and even more in the film, of *Amadeus* – which is still more of a fantasia on events in Mozart's life – the climax is designedly melodrama involving masks.

Neither play nor picture even remotely represents a documentary life of Mozart, but both rely deliberately and delightedly on this most magical of stage conventions: a nearly absurd use of concealment to reveal emotion far from absurd. It is pleasing to pay homage to Amadeus not only for his music but also for his drama.

● Peter Shaffer has adapted this article from an earlier piece for the *New York Times*.

Theatre

Roll on Friday

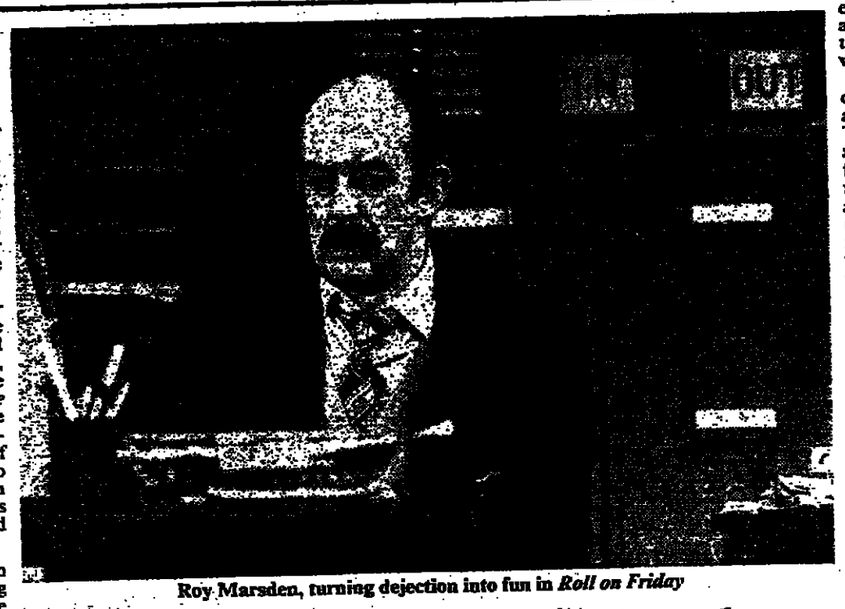
Nuffield, Southampton

It is a freezing Monday morning in the office. Enter a storm-tossed figure who peels off layers of weather-proofing before returning to his desk with the grim remark "Ah well, the day after tomorrow's Wednesday and the week's almost gone".

That sets the tone for Roger Hall's comedy of life among the Bristows of the New Zealand Public Service: a likable piece, with much in common with the author's prize-winning *Middle Age Spread*. Again Mr Hall's eye is trained on the huge frustrations and small rebellions of people who are supposed to have settled down. And again his marked talent for farce is held in check by kindness and respect for his characters.

Roll on Friday is packed with long-range gags. The heating finally comes on when the weather turns warm. The hand of an unseen messenger starts by delivering mail and ends by filching beer. Off-stage, families are collapsing, and there are insurmountable obstacles to getting new window curtains. The effect ought to be hilarious; but I can claim no more for Justin Greene's production than a mildly entertaining evening.

The setting is partly to blame. Office work is not interesting to look at, and plausibility breaks down when there are too many private phone calls and personal arguments. More damaging is the lack of any strong comic impetus.



Roy Marsden, turning dejection into fun in *Roll on Friday*

There is nothing wrong with the characters: rabbity boss, home-bound spinster, hen-pecked Welsh immigrant, foul-tempered old timer – they and their relationships are perfectly true to life. But it is an uneventful life, and, while you can agree that they would not take risks, unless the playwright does so on their behalf, the result will be what Mr Hall has written – a timid play about timid people.

The squabble to get into the shoes of the departing boss supplies what comic drive there is, and it involves only two characters whose defeat prompts the play's one passionate outburst rather too late.

Otherwise, the show consists of small inconsequential jokes, articulated rather too ponderously to ignite the stage, but played with close attention to individual detail by an excellent company among whom David Swift and Roy Marsden do most to turn dejection into fun.

Irving Wardle

Secular parable

Pericles

Donmar Warehouse

Cheek by Jowl, an exhilarating young company, have brought their unique blend of inventiveness and precision to bear on Shakespeare's epic romance *Pericles*. Though it begins the final movement of his last works, it is fraught with challenges and problems. The text is corrupt, the structure sprawling and, worst of all, it lacks central dramatic conflict.

What holds it together is the biography of its eponymous hero. Superficially he is plunged into a series of misfortunes – famine, shipwreck, love and loss on a journey that takes him through 18 years and around the Mediterranean. But more deeply it is one of self-discovery. For this is a secular parable – where out of long darkness comes the light of earthly redemption. A daughter and wife are, as it were, restored to life and a family is made whole again.

To draw it together the company have everywhere adopted an ensemble approach. The awkward device of Gower as narrator is abandoned in favour of the group weaving its thread, scenes jump-cut one to another as actors instantly take up other roles, and there is even more mime and dumbshow than in the original. Yet they manage both to convey its semi-mystical atmosphere and bolster its comedy.

Shakespeare leavened the tale with the brine-whetted talk of the seamen and the earthy directness of the brothel scene (prompting Jonson to call it "this mouldy tale"), but Cheek by Jowl have turned the tournament into a fairground contest and the courting of Thaisa into an absurd love calypso. Boldly the production teeters on the brink of toppling into a pageant of inventive episodes, and of losing its focus on Pericles's plight.

But the climactic recognition scene proves it has not been lost. The daring reaches its height as father and daughter, taken beyond easy joy by suffering, do not slowly awaken to each other as if from an evil dream, but passionately batter each other into recognition.

Andrew Collins's overly youthful Pericles to that point largely plays the part as fate's pawn; a Christ-like figure with only "patience (to) smile Extremity out of Act". But Marina (Amanda Harris), usually all sweetness and naivety, is here virtue triumphant – evangelizing goodness to the lecherous brothel clients.

The director, Declan Donellan, and the designer, Nick Ormerod, have recognized that the sea surges all through this play. Its colour is washed all over the flexible single set and uniform "pyjama" costumes. Contrasted with it is the healing, harmonious power of music accompanying all the elemental rhythms of marriage, birth and death, and echoing the transcendental forces of redemption and restitution.

Robert Page

Hans Leygraf

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This was like hearing Salieri play Mozart. There are few more compelling portraits of Mozart's power and originality as a keyboard player than his Fantasia in C minor, K475, which he wrote down on May 20, 1785, and published alongside his Sonata in C minor, K457.

The Fantasia is full of stops and starts, of strong contrasts between loud and soft, fast and slow, full of accents and unexpected twists. For a piece in C minor it manages the remarkable feat of having its two lyrical sections in D major and B flat major: the latter evaporates into a passage of violent sequences from G minor to A flat that is one of the most chilling pages Mozart ever composed. It gives, we can presume, a fair impression of what Mozart's improvisational techniques were like. Apparently he wrote some instructions on how to play this Fantasia and its companion Sonata; one would give a lot to read them, but they are now lost, so Mr Leygraf can scarcely be blamed for simply playing the notes.

But it did seem as if, like the Salieri of legend, he wished to drain the life-blood from Mozart. One could never accuse his playing of being unmusical: it was carefully moulded, as respectful of the accents as one can be on the piano he used in the St John's generous acoustics (he could scarcely avoid the muddying of the bass register) and it was always well shaded.

But it never gave a hint of the vision that lies behind the notes. Even in the Sonata, to which Mr Leygraf's measured style was perhaps better suited, he failed to convey the tension of the first movement's pounding octaves and racing triplets, or the agitated cross-bar syncopations of the last movement. Here the accents are meticulously indicated, sometimes differently for each hand, but little of that subtlety came across.

Concerts

Yet this and the splendid Haydn Sonata No 49 in E flat with which he began both lacked sharp characterization. For all the acceptable standard of his piano playing, Mr Leygraf, in his quiet Kapellmeister style, did not seem to want to make us believe that there was any more to Mozart or Haydn than there might be to Salieri.

Nicholas Kenyon

London début

A prize-collector from the age of 16, the Brazilian guitarist Marcelo Kayath trumped earlier aces by winning last year's Toronto International and the Radio France guitar competitions when still only 20. His judges were plainly sagacious. Kayath is no flamboyant showman, but a disciplined, discerning musician with the intensity to persuade disbelievers that his instrument is one to be taken seriously.

Even choice of programme for his London début gave proof that he was not out for instant acclaim. Less familiar Studies by Villa-Lobos and an eye-catching plucked-cum-tapped "Ritmata" by Krieger certainly allowed outlet for what is clearly no mean virtuoso potential. But so much else emphasized subtler virtues, starting with rhythmic control in a sonato by Sor and clear part-playing in eloquently simple presentations of intimate Dowland posies. It was nevertheless Stephen Dodgson's succinct Fantasy-Divisions, Brouwer's Two Latin American Pieces and a temperamental Prologue-Toccata recently written for him by his compatriot, Marlos Nobre, that revealed just how much of Kayath's hold on his listeners grew from timing and tonal palette – particularly the latter.

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He is very successful. His blue pied hen, the talk and envy of south Yorkshire, continually streaks home ahead of the field, earning him large amounts of money in bets and prizes and the promise of aggro from punters who are less interested in fast flights than fast fivers.

His competitors put his triumphs down to his dedication but the title of Mal Middleton's play, on BBC last night, **Bird Fancier**, was meant to signal that Joe's obsession would not be confined to birds of the feathered kind.

Joe is a predator, the assiduous comforter of his friends' neglected wives. In fact, as his son finds out, he is an exploiter all round. It is his son's discovery of his infidelities which brings Joe to a re-examination of his values.

Mr Middleton, a long-distance lorry-driver, was made redundant three years ago and turned his hand to play-writing. His play, well photographed in his native Sheffield, suggests he may have found a new destination.

He has a good ear for dialogue and trod a sure path between bawdiness and pathos. His play may earn innocent fanciers going off to "see 'ow t' birds are" a second look from their wives, but it was funny and well-turned.

Michael Elphick was splendid as Joe, bluff, a touch brutal but finally tamed. Aaron Brown, as his son, was excellent, and both performances were complemented by that of Rosemary Martin as the long-suffering wife. Bill Hays directed and Terry Coles prooduced.

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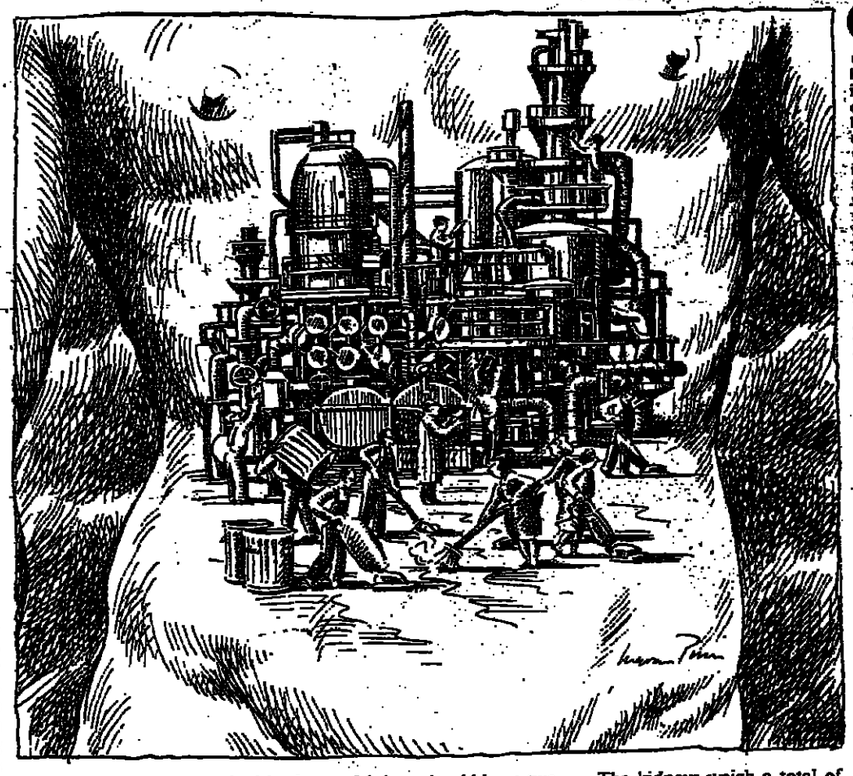
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THE HUMAN VILLAGE

LIVER

The ancient Greeks, Romans and Etruscans tried to divine the future by careful examination of the human liver, while medieval philosophers thought that anger and sadness – choler and melancholy – originated there.

Some time between the two, the word "liver" entered the Anglo-Saxon language, and it is believed to have been derived from the verb. to live. If so, our ancestors were nearest the truth. The liver is a vast, sophisticated chemical factory within the human body and without its prodigious output, life cannot be sustained.

More than 500 functions of the liver have been identified. It forms bile, which aids digestion of fat; manufactures and stores a number of vitamins, including B12, which is necessary for the proper functioning of bone marrow; and produces heparin, an anti-clotting agent.

It also makes plasma proteins, breaks down fats and converts proteins to carbohydrates and milk sugar into glucose. It removes toxins brought from the intestines, and metabolizes short-acting barbiturates, and many other drugs.

The liver is the largest gland in the body and at three to four pounds in weight is heavier than the brain. But it took the plight of a small boy called Ben Hardwick, who was dying of liver disease last year, to focus public thinking on the importance of the liver.

One of the most extraordinary qualities of the liver is its regenerative capacity. A disease can destroy most of the liver without the owner being aware of anything amiss. New cells grow to replace the dead ones. Surgeons can remove up to seven eighths of a diseased liver with the expectation that the deficiency will be replaced in a couple of months.

But in the case of progressive disease, a transplant may be the only answer. It was certainly the only hope last January for two year-old Ben Hardwick, who had the rare disease, biliary atresia.

He needed the operation, but no suitable donor could be found until after his case was featured on the *That's Life* television programme by presenter Esther Rantzen. A donor organ then did become available, and Ben became Britain's youngest liver transplant recipient. The surrounding publicity led to other children being helped and to funding of research and care projects.

Since then, doctors needing donor organs for similar operations have found their task less difficult. The use of the anti-rejection drug, cyclosporin-A, has dramatically improved the outlook for children who need transplants because, unlike earlier treatments, this drug does not carry the side effect of growth retardation.

Nobody can donate a liver and survive, but the rejection problems are not nearly as acute as in kidney grafts, where the best results are obtained from living donors who are related to the patient.

Dr Roger Williams, director of the liver unit at London's King's College Hospital, said: "Many more patients in the last stages of liver disease will be getting transplants. Although there is still much to be learned and many problems to be tackled, liver transplants can be said to have come of age."

He and colleagues at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, where Ben Hardwick had his operation, plan 40 such operations this year, compared with 26 in their last 12-month period.

Patients under 21 have a 75 per cent chance of surviving for at least a year – once past that first year, their long-term chances are very good – but for older patrients, the survival rate in the first year is only 28 per cent.

Few patients with alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver are considered for grafts. Heavy, long-term use of alcohol is likely to have damaged their hearts and brains, and contributed to malnutrition – all adding to the potential hazards of the operation. The risk that they may return to their old drinking habits and destroy their new liver is another important consideration.

Although the transplant operation is a life saver for patients with a certain form of slow-growing cancer, other patients with malignant tumours cannot be helped by this surgery because of the inevitability of a recurrence.

The development of the artificial liver machine is a major new advance. It is designed to keep alive those patients whose livers have failed while a search for suitable donor organs is carried out.

Another new development is a simple blood test involving the use of monoclonal antibodies which "recognize" alpha fetoprotein, which is specific to a certain type of liver cancer.

Heavy alcohol consumption now accounts for at least 15,000 premature deaths in Britain each year, and alcoholic cirrhosis is now four times more common than in the early 1960s.

Significant chronic liver damage is more likely to occur in women, in regular daily drinkers and in those whose alcohol intake is not so high that the development of severe alcohol-withdrawal symptoms forces them to drink less, according to specialists at King's College Hospital.

Last year the specialists at the hospital's liver unit advised that heavy drinkers should have two alcohol free days every week to reduce the risks of serious liver damage. They defined heavy drinkers as men who drink up to five pints of beer or a bottle of wine a day, or those women who drink half that amount.

KIDNEYS

If the liver is the body's chemical factory, the kidneys are a super-efficient cleansing plant and waste disposal unit, which in about five minutes filter all the blood circulating in the body.

The kidneys cleanse the blood of poisonous and unwanted products, which are removed by some 1.25 million filter units called nephrons. The red and white blood cells continue in circulation, with such vital substances as water, glucose, minerals and amino acids being systematically reabsorbed.

The kidneys weigh a total of only 11 ounces, yet are able to deal with more than two pints of blood a minute. Most people can survive on just one healthy kidney, but if both are diseased or missing, the body becomes poisoned by its own waste material.

Life can only continue if the blood is then artificially cleaned on a kidney machine; by wearing a portable dialysis unit which works continously, or by a kidney transplant. However, lack of facilities in the NHS means that only half of the kidney patients who need treatment get it.

The survival rate for transplant patients has improved steadily over the last 10 years, and has a 95 per cent chance of success if the donated kidney comes from a close relation, such as a brother or mother.

When, as is more likely, the donor is unrelated, and is usually the victim of a road accident, then this figure drops to about 65 per cent. All transplant patients face a lifetime on drugs designed to suppress their bodies' rejection of the "foreign" organs.

This drug treatment leaves them susceptible to infection. The only time when the drugs are not needed is in the extremely rare case where the donor is an identical twin of the recipient.

Mr John Wickham, who has been carrying out kidney grafts at St Bartholemew's Hospital, London, since the late 1960s, says: "There is no comparison between how you feel after a transplant and how you feel when you are reliant on a dialysis machine. Patients have told me that being on dialysis like being only one third alive."

It is manpower restraints rather than lack of money which prevents all the people who need dialysis receiving the treatment, Mr Wickham believes. "It is not shortage of equipment, but shortage of staff to run the equipment which is causing the problem", he says.

The outlook seems more hopeful for the 20,000 patients who suffer from kidney stones every year.

Equipment which destroys kidney stones by means of a low frequency shock waves has been installed at a private hospital, the Devonshire, in London.

This use of Britain's first lithotripter obviates the need for surgery and the consequent weeks of recuperation. Lithotripsy, already well established in Germany and the United States, means that a patient is anaesthetized and lowered into a bath of warm water.

Shock waves are then produced by a spark from an electrode placed in a sound reflector dish. They are transmitted through the water to the kidney, and the procedure is monitored by a scanner, and continued until the stones – produced by the deposit in the urinary passages of solid substances which are naturally present in the urine – dissolves.

Most of the kidney stones in British patients result from excess calcium. Sufferers will know that they can be very painful. The stones can be avoided by drinking plenty of fluid, as much if not more than four pints of liquid per day, and eating a balanced diet. In the opinion of some specialists, drinking more than a pint of milk each day is potentially more harmful than beneficial.

Additional research for the series by Ann Kent.

BODY SURVIVAL

- Protection of the liver and the kidneys can be improved by two important guidelines: the desirability of a good, well balanced diet, and the undesirability of excessive alcohol.
- The liver's many functions include the storage of vitamins and the formation of bile. A good diet will ensure an adequate supply of vitamins, which in turn will be put to such tasks as the development of bone marrow. Bile aids the digestion of fat.
- If you are a regular drinker, cut down. If you are a man drinking a bottle of wine, or five pints of beer a day – or a woman drinking half that amount – take two days a week away from alcohol to reduce the risks of cirrhosis of the liver.
- Your kidneys will benefit from plenty of liquid refreshment – of the right sort – as fluids reduce the risk of kidney stone. Four pints a day are recommended, but not four pints of milk or four pints of beer.
- Maintain a balanced diet.

MYTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS

1. That an ulcer can be healed by a change in diet. Not so. Milk will provide immediate relief from pain, but there is no evidence that a bland milk-laden diet will expedite recovery.
2. The converse that no matter what you do the ulcer will always recur. Untrue. Smoking certainly maintains and causes recurrences of ulcers. One or two foods, curries and some types of wine also stimulate acid production and cause peptic ulceration.
3. That alcohol causes gall stones Not true. Alcohol gives rise to stones only when cirrhosis is already well established. The mixture diluting the alcohol may well be a factor as most contain sugar and there is a relationship between gall stones and refined carbohydrate intake.
4. That a fat-free diet after hepatitis, or any other liver complaint, is essential. Untrue. The type of diet makes no difference to recovery.
5. That alcohol should be given up for one year after hepatitis. Only partly true. Alcohol should be given up until the liver function tests return to normal, however long this may take.
6. That bran is good for the irritable bowel syndrome and for colonic spasmodic pain. Not true. Bran helps to protect against cancer in the colon, constipation, and therefore piles and diverticulitis, but there is little evidence that it has any effect on the irritable bowel syndrome.
7. That a visit to a surgeon for the treatment of haemorrhoids results in long and painful surgery. Not true. Well under 5 per cent of patients need extensive surgery, the rest can be treated with out-patient measures.
8. That all fat people are greedy and eat enormously. Untrue. Fat people eat more than their bodies need but often they eat less than their thinner colleagues.
9. That all women have cystitis. They don't and when they do it must be carefully investigated to make certain that there is no chronic renal tract infection.

Capitalism and the workers' bank

When the TSB is floated this year it will be the largest money-raising operation ever. But is it in the best interests of the bank's six million customers? Christopher Hird reports

Imagine the outcry if the Government planned to turn the National Trust into a limited company, to be run at a profit for its shareholders.

In fact, the Government *is* planning something as controversial later this year, when the Trustee Savings Bank is floated on the Stock Exchange in the largest capital-raising operation ever. Remarkably, there is barely any political opposition to the plan. On Monday the Labour Party officially decided not to oppose the Bill which makes the sale possible.

The position was very different ten years ago, when there was all-party support for a completely different future for the TSB, which was to be turned into a mutually owned bank run for the benefit of its customers and staff, without shareholders.

Many people including, some of the bank's six million customers – may be surprised to learn that the TSB isn't already a public company. Its aggressive national advertising makes it look like any other bank.

In terms of branches, the TSB is Britain's fifth largest bank – it has 1,600 compared with Lloyd's 2,250. But with UK retail banking deposits of more than £5 billion, it may be higher in the pecking order.

But the TSB is different. First, its customers are almost all private individuals and predominantly working class.

It is particularly strong in the North and in Scotland, and in some mining communities branch managers are now local heroes for not harassing striking miners over mortage payments and overdrafts. The bank has far fewer customers in the South and the A and B socio-economic groups because it only introduced cheques in the mid-60s, and its branch network in the South is very small.

In some ways the TSB offers a superior service to its clearing bank competitors. For years current account banking has been free and interest is paid on current accounts. It is the only bank to offer seven-day banking in one of its branches – in Edinburgh.

> "Stockbrokers say the TSB already has one of the strongest balance sheets in the banking sector"
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The second unusual feature is that no one seems to own it. For 170 years the Trustee Savings Bank – and its predecessor regional banks – have been run by self-appointed trustees (who appointed professional managers) in the interests of the banks' depositors.

In the flotation employees and customers will have preferential application rights. To qualify, accounts had to be opened by last December 17, and still be in existence on the day of the flotation. Unlike the British Telecom sale, there is no plan to give employees shares or to offer them some at a discount. Nor does there appear to be a guarantee that all applications from customers and staff will be allotted in full. But the Opposition will take up these points in the committee stage of the Bill.

The bank's special features are a direct result of its history. Started by a Scottish cleric – Henry Duncan – in 1810 as a way of encouraging self-help for the poor through thrift, the idea of savings banks grew fast. More than 450 branches opened in the first 10 years.

Until the mid-1960s the banks were simply a series of regional savings banks which made their living by lending to the government. Their transformation into a fully-fledged bank started in 1973, with the report on national savings from a committee chaired by Sir Harry Page.

Today's centralized national banking network is the result of the Page report, implemented by Tom Bryans, TSB's chief general manager between 1975 and 1982. These developments took place without any formal ownership of the bank. The substantial profits have simply accumulated for the eventual benefit of whoever became the rightful owner. There is some £800m at stake.

Harry Page believed the bank should be given a formal "mutual" structure, with no shareholders and the bank being owned by the customers, who would elect some of the trustees. He said: "The principle of mutuality means that the profit that accrues to the banks is indirectly distributed to depositors through improved services and lower costs, rather than distributed to equity shareholders."

> "The bank belongs to millions of people in the graveyards of Scotland and to its depositors"
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Building societies and some insurance companies have a mutual structure. Page thought these principles should be extended to banking.

His proposals met with all party support – including that of the then Tory backbencher Ian Stewart, who is now – as a Treasury minister – launching the share sale. The mutual solution was favoured by the TSB itself. Today, Tom Bryans says: "Mutuality was the ethos that drove the organization."

Many who have been connected with the bank think the change is for the worse. Tom Bryans describes it as "a tragedy that after 170 years of service, this marvellous social organization is going out of business". The share sale proceeds – possibly as much as £1,000 million – will boost the bank's resources.

A new ethos – in which the customer comes second to the shareholder – will now drive the organization.

The Government views the share sale as the best way to solve three problems: the ownership, the accountability of management and the bank's access to capital which it needs to grow. The Government believes that it is free to sell off the TSB (though it will receive no money itself) because, in the words of Ian Stewart, "there is no established legal ownership of the TSBs."

In a little reported speech last year, Ian Mac- donald, chief general manager of TSB Scotland, said: "The TSB belongs to millions of people in the graveyards of Scotland and to millions of depositors living now".

Faced with the practical difficulties of recognizing the depositors' ownership of the bank, the Government and the TSB favour a sale. The main practical argument that is now advanced for the flotation is that it will give the TSB access to capital.

But the bank has been very chary of saying exactly why it needs the money now. Several stockbrokers' circulars point out that the TSB already has one of the strongest balance sheets in the banking sector.

Defenders of mutual organizations point to the advantages: they're run in the interests of their customers. The flotation of the TSBs may be the beginning of a determined assault on such organizations and ideas.

Christopher Hird's programme on the TSBs will be broadcast tonight on Diverse Reports, Channel Four, at 8.30pm.





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The Moreover Good Food Guide, a publication which has been eagerly awaited ever since it went into the planning stages in 1979, was fully expected to appear for the first time this year, but our schedule has been grievously upset by the sudden resignation of the head inspector. As the reasons for his resignation involve a severe warning to the public, we feel justified in printing his final letter to us. Here it is:

Dear Sir, Although I have enjoyed the years of non-stop lavish hospitality working for your unique organization, where it seems to be party time round the clock (*here follows several pages of embarrassingly warm praise of a personal nature, which I omit*) I can no longer continue as a food inspector, following a visit to one of London's newest restaurants.

Even from outside it was clear that the Bon Bouchon was a *nouvelle cuisine* establishment. The pink and green glow through the windows (pink from the tablecloths and napery, green from the delicate ferns customary in such places) suggested it, the homespun handwriting on the outside menu made it even more likely, and it was confirmed, as we opened the door, by the soft draught of canned Vivaldi that greeted us.

I will not bore you with the *nouvelle cuisine* ritual through which we had to pass before we could eat – the removal of our coats with a servility not seen since the demise of domestic service, the unrolling of napkins as thick as tarpaulin, the offering of a cocktail called Peach Alexander invented by the chef and the lecture on the menu beginning: "May I just tell you about tonight's specials . . ?" – as I am sure this is all familiar to you.

Nor will I bore you with the perusal of the menu after the lecturer had departed. It is a peculiar property of *nouvelle cuisine* menus, is it not that no matter how original and unexpected any dish is, one seems to have come across it before? Thus I was not surprised to find a terrine of rabbit, crayfish, bacon and saffron, nor a crayfish soup containing bacon, saffron and scallops, nor indeed a multi-coloured salad featuring scallops, bacon bits, rabbit wisps and crayfish.

As you know, the eating of a *nouvelle cuisine* meal is very like a visit to a Bond Street jeweller. The food is brought with all the reverence due to precious stones, and one would not be surprised if the vegetables were presented on a velvet display tray. The only thing that is kept under lock and key, well away from the customer, is the salt and pepper. You know all this, and also that the wine list is the one refuge of safety and familiarity.

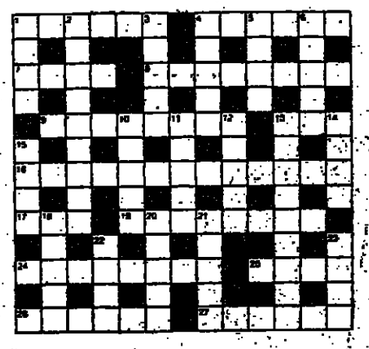
It was the wine list that contained the shock. The first wine listed was a dry white, lightly scented with rosemary and tarragon. The second was a medium white, "gently spiced with saffron and a hint of cayenne". The third, an otherwise friendly Loire, had apparently been marinated, or perhaps medicated, with watercress. The reds were no better, involving such admixtures as ginger, raspberry vinegar, mint, and even, Lord save us, bacon bits.

"May I just tell you about the special wines . . ?" began the lecturer.

"No, you may not," I said. "Just tell me about the ordinary wines you have."

They had, it seemed, no ordinary wines. Everything had been nouvellized. Unable to present anything in its natural form, they had applied their food methods to the wine list. I despairingly ordered a large bottle of Perrier water. This duly appeared, together with a glass containing a slice of lemon, a sprig of mint, a slice of cucumber and what seemed to be a powdering of cinnamon, all of which I transferred to a fingerbowl as table decoration.

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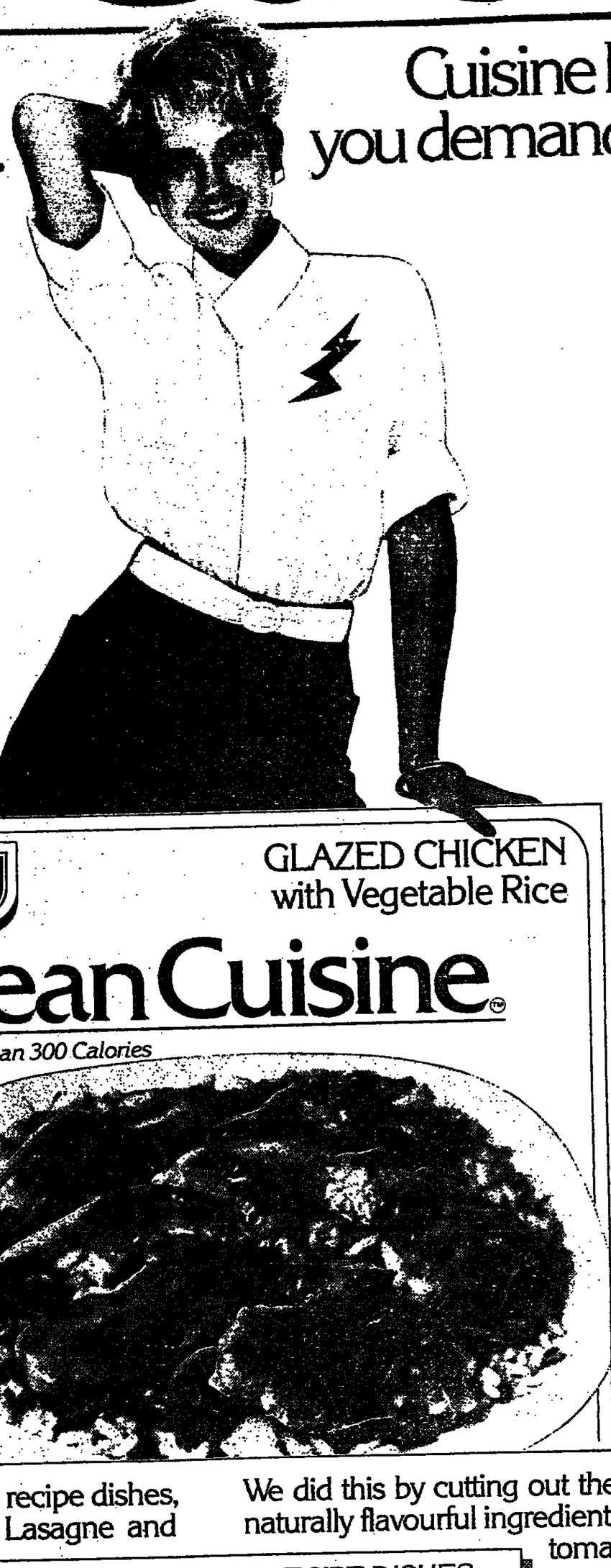
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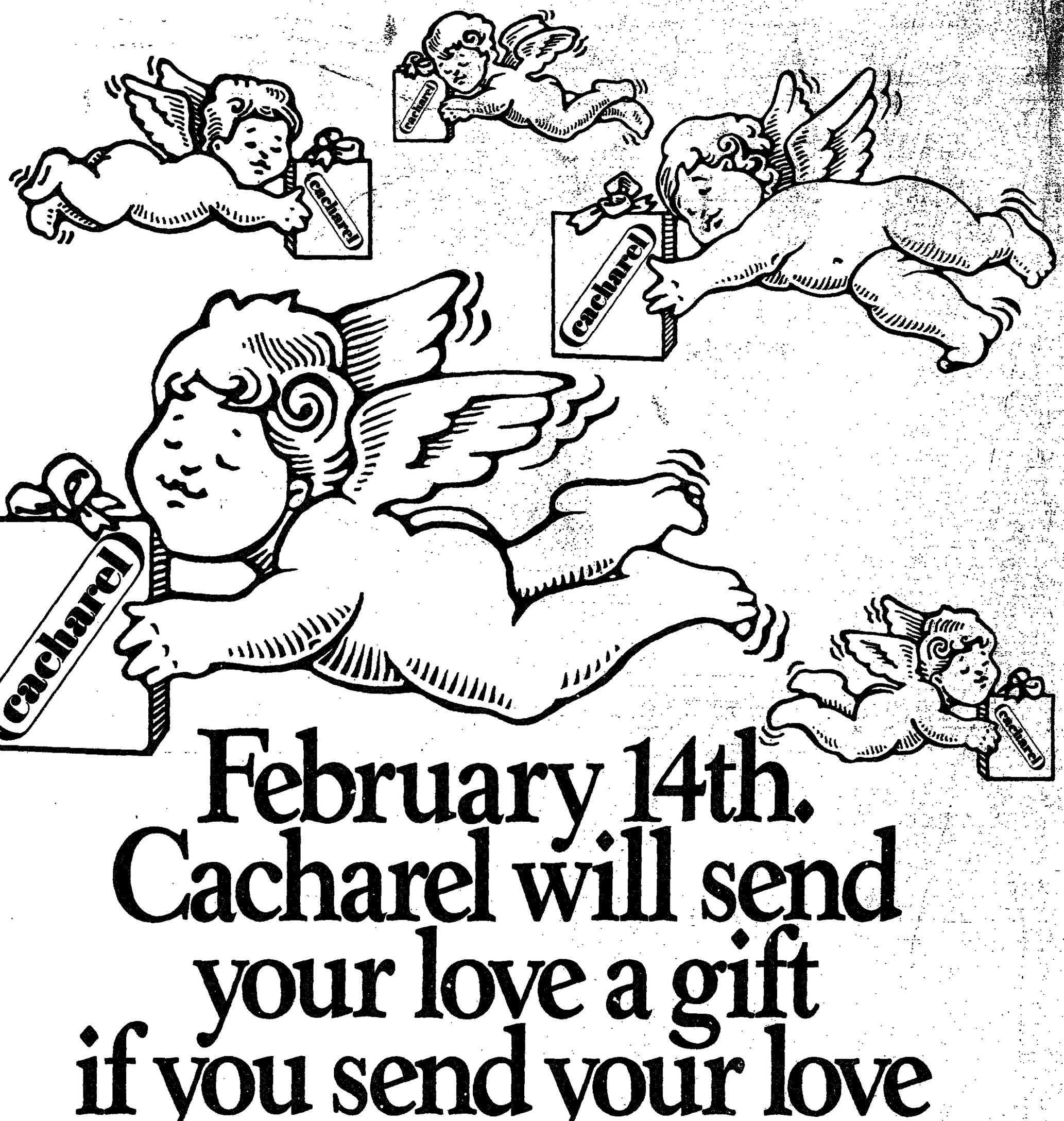
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TIMES PAST THE TIMES





The ferocious line-up of notorious women terrorists (from left): Gudrun Ensslin, Patty Hearst, Ulrike Meinhof, Marion Price, Dolours Price, Leila Khaled

Deadlier than the male

Women terrorists are proving to be tougher and more dedicated in their cause than men. Stewart Tendler charts their rise to notoriety

West German federal police have just announced that they are adding fresh names and photographs to their list of wanted terrorists linked to the Red Army Faction and its successors. Four of the six new fugitives are women, making women a majority in the revised list, which now totals more than a dozen individuals linked to a variety of crimes in the cause of political action.

There are, furthermore, signs that the list will grow. West Germany has seen a spate of new bomb attacks and there is agitation over the plight of Red Army Faction prisoners in West German jails, plus a warning that the terrorists have regrouped for fresh attacks.

The presence of women in such numbers within today's rank of terrorists in West Germany is only the latest statistic in a trend which began in the late 1960s, when terrorism took hold as an extension of radical politics or national and separatist movements, and which has since become an international phenomenon.

Initially, terrorist commanders used women as adjuncts to operations, couriers for messages and arms, or camouflage for bombers and snipers. Who could suspect the loving couple strolling down the street, or the woman with a pram? For some, whose names have since passed into history, it was only a short step, a logical extension of their role, to take up arms themselves.

Leila Khaled was one. She rose to sudden fame in 1969 as the Palestinian hijacker of a TWA airliner, destroyed after being flown at gunpoint to Damascus, and was held a year later in Britain after trying to repeat the incident by capturing an El Al jet.

Across the Atlantic, Bernardine Dohrn went underground at the head of the Weathermen, a group of radicals, and was on the FBI's most wanted list for her part in organizing the "Days of Rage" in protest against the Vietnam war.

In Britain, the Weathermen had their counterpart in the Angry Brigade, whose principals included Anna Mendelsohn and Hilary Creek. Women have also been effective in the ranks of the IRA, even if they have never achieved key leadership roles.

The Price sisters, Dolours and Marion, led a band of 10 which brought the bombings of Northern Ireland to the British mainland for the first time in March 1973. They were arrested as they fled for home after leaving four car bombs in central London. Judith Ward killed 12 when she blew up an Army coach on the M62 in Yorkshire in 1974. Marian Coyle was linked to a number of London bombings before taking part in the kidnapping of Dr Tiede Herrema, a Dutch businessman held by the IRA for 36 days in 1975.

For her part, Dr Rose Dugdale, the former London university lecturer, started by trying to rob her own rich West Country family, graduated to an aerial bombing of the police station in the Ulster town of Strabane from a hijacked helicopter, and ended by receiving 19 Old Masters, worth more than £6 million, after they had been stolen from the co Wicklow home of Sir Alfred and Lady Beit in an armed robbery.

In Japan, Fusako Shigenobu took charge of the Red Army, which loaned three "soldiers" in 1972 to fly to Lod Airport in Israel where they opened fire in the terminal building, killing 26.

One of the most bizarre woman terrorists – and a supreme example of one from a comfortable background – must be Patty Hearst, the American newspaper heiress, who was held to ransom, abandoned her millionaire family and joined her captors.

The extent that women's active involvement in terrorism had grown was highlighted early in 1979 by Risks International, Risks International is a terrorist advisory service for multinational corporations, set up in Washington by a crew-cut former Pentagon security man named Charles Russey.

Their inquiries revealed that the activities of women terrorists had increased sharply – in some groups up to 30 or 40 per cent – over the decade. In particular, women had become adept at assassination and kneecapping.

Groups led by women tend to be tougher than those led by men and, once captured, few women have cooperated. In prison, according to the Germans, women terrorists tended to withdraw into self-examination of their doctrines, seeming "to aspire to cold perfectionalism" – and sometimes death.

Some women terrorists managed to survive and retire, however. The Price sisters and the Angry Brigade women were released from prison into obscurity. Others, like Leila Khaled, Patty Hearst and a number of re-emerging members of the Weathermen, have taken up the pen.

As for Dr Dugdale, she works for Sinn Fein in Dublin.

From well brought up girls to female fanatics

By all accounts, Suzanne Albrecht was a charming girl. Gregarious, blonde, a lover of parties and good caviar, she went to call on her godfather Jürgen Ponto, chairman of the Dresden Bank, at his expensive and well fortified villa outside Frankfurt early in 1977, bearing a large bunch of out-of-season red roses.

"It's me, Suzanne", she called into the phone at the gate. When he released the catch, she led in a posse of young men, who shot him dead. It was later believed that they had planned to kidnap him, but that he struggled too hard.

Gabriele Krocher-Tiedemann was said to be no less attractive, a slight girl, somewhat submissive in manner. She was one of the five terrorists – released in Berlin in exchange for kidnapped politician Peter Lorenz – who went on to join the Venezuelan international terrorist known as "Carlos" in his attack on the Opec ministers in Vienna. There she killed two people, one of them a middle-aged policeman who apparently thought that it would be no problem to relieve a young girl of her machine gun. It was not, but she had a second pistol in her handbag. She pulled it out and shot him dead at point-blank range.

Women have excellent intellectual credentials for taking part in terrorism. Didn't Carlos Marighela, Brazil's legendary revolutionary, praise woman's "unmatched fighting spirit and tenacity" and Angela Davis, the American black political activist once wanted by the FBI, call on her sisters in a letter "not to become less aggressive, not to lay down the gun, but to learn how to set the sights correctly, aim accurately, squeeze rather than jerk, and not be overcome by the damage"?

It isn't the presence of women among the terrorists that alarms people, however: it is their style. Whether German or Japanese, Latin American or Irish, female terrorists appear to share a marked and disconcerting pattern.



Patty Hearst in bank raid

Profiles, drawn up by experts and psychologists, show them to be young (average age 25, with German women, at 33, oldest and Spanish, at 21, youngest), single or divorced (80.9 per cent among German women guerrillas) and most often well educated. Furthermore, their parents tend to be professional people, in particular corporate executives, doctors, lawyers, clergymen – even policemen. There is very little evidence that many have suffered from lack of parental love, nor are many of their parents divorced. On the contrary, most have lived seemingly affectionate family lives until drawn into terrorist groups by friends already active in radical protest. Suzanne Albrecht's father is a successful commercial lawyer. Ulrike Meinhof, another West German terrorist, was raised by a foster mother who was an intellectual and writer, and a third, Gudrun Ensslin, was the daughter of a pastor.

Once committed, however, women distinguish themselves frequently by their extreme brutality. Hiroko Nagata, the 28-year-old pharmacy student, a member of the Japanese Red Army, was a ringleader in the decision to strip 14 wayward group members naked, tie them up and leave them to freeze to death.

Some of the most harrowing memories of his captivity retained by Sir Geoffrey Jackson, the British ambassador who spent 244 days as the prisoner of three Tupameros, in Uruguay, concerns his women jailers. "There were two young girls in particular who treated me with cold, calculating venom", he recalls. "A third was pleasant – but only in order to lay a trap for me. From behind her hood, I could see her eyes spilling over with sheer hatred."

None of this quite explains the particular ferocity and desperation of the female guerrilla. This, psychologists seem to suggest, stems from the need among many modern women to prove their equality to men, their ability to do not just as well but better. "There is nothing more calculated to make you equal than a gun," said one expert.

Did Marcuse not praise sexual sadism as one of the forms of human sexual freedom? Looked at in this way, the phenomenon is, in short, Women's Lib. distorted to an inappropriate, aberrant extreme.

Caroline Moorehead

ALAN FRANKS' DIARY

My very last word on growing pains

That's it. I have run out of pages and must call it a day. The diary – that I have been keeping in the top right-hand drawer of my desk these past two years – is complete. There is hardly a square inch of margin left unmolested by the scribblings of my Biro.

I *could* just grab a new volume and carry on as though nothing had happened. But the truth of the matter is that I said to myself, when I started out, that the diary would last as long as the dummy and no longer. It is an arbitrary measure, I admit, but it has its own rationale.

Leafing back through the pages, I see that the writing became smaller, and the characters more compressed, at those times when I fancied I could *carry on for ever with this* domestic record, and then larger when I became disaffected with the whole process – as though actively courting an early death.

Two years is a very long time in politics (in which category I include small children and neighbourhood). The baby, on whom I can justly blame the first entry and therefore all subsequent ones, has graduated from teeming matter to pre-school child. Whenever I see children of this age, I cannot flash from my mind the parallels with elderly drunks: they totter and teeter like small tower blocks in the throes of explosion, they spout incomprehensible babble over a flaccid lower lip, they never listen to a word you say, and they have this knack of coming up to you and tugging your clothes at all the worst moments. For toddler, read tippler. His elder brother now inhabits a world which sometimes seems as distant as Mars, the planet of war. You cannot open a magazine, or pass a hoarding in the town without him spotting some emblem of manly aggression. It might be the sword blade in a Wilkinson ad, or the gun of a cowboy now shooting on one of the Odeon's three screens. All the sightings are accompanied by the roar of one who delights in seeing life's true purpose embodied in the common furniture of the home and the street.



I take no pride in this revelation – I really do not. With my hand on my heart I can say I have no vested interest in the boy's martial competence, any more than I do in his older sister's domestic flair. I am as alarmed as the next father to see the way in which the rules assert themselves, and I do not like it. I must plead guilty to having connived in their respective games, I suppose, but that is as far as I can go. I'm sure I should have done it differently: given him a set of nurse dolls and her a He-Man kit. But it seemed inappropriate at the time, so determined were their lobbyings. I know it is unfashionable to say so, but genders do bring with them their own dowries of behavioural tendencies.

One last walk along the towpath at Petersham before filling the remainder of the final page. It seems to me that for all the easy laughs you can have at the expense of the uninformed (viz children) there is a real sadness in the transience of childhood. The only permanent thing about the condition is the endless flow of tenants coming into the residence of youth. But the creatures themselves are so evanescent that you have somehow to freeze the frame before the reel spins into another age. You blink, and the moment is past: the child is gone and the image fades. Suddenly the house is full of broken voices, horny knees, shared secrets, closing doors and the privacies of adolescence. Suddenly they are knowing, or courting, or mending bikes, or buying records, or bringing home the wrong friends, or knocking your work, your house, your clothes and generally flexing their muscles in the social gym of adulthood. The sludgy old Thames seems for a moment to be metamorphosed into time's ever-rolling stream, bearing all its sons away. How does that hymn continue? Something about flying forgotten as a dream dies at the opening day. Not so long now before all the Malapropisms, the wisdom of ignorance, the aphorisms of utter ignorance, will be swept away by a greyer vision, and leave us with what? A kind of bereavement?

A fishy way to a net profit

When spending on food is for fun and not solely for subsistence, eating cheap meals out and costly dishes at home often offers the best possible value for money. What is the point of eating smoked salmon in a restaurant when you could have double the quantity or twice the quality for the same price at your own table?

Make the chefs work for your money with feather-light fish *mousselines*, tricky, trendy sauces, and all those splendid little dishes that call for a leaf of this and a leaf of that which, if you could find them for yourself in the first place, it would be tiresome to assemble in penny packets.

With some skill, a fair amount of interest and all the time in the world, many of us can make better pizzas and *lasagne* than most Italian restaurants, and more subtly spiced Indian dishes than many a curry house, but we cannot necessarily do it more cheaply. Quick, simply cooked food that relies on relatively pricey *ingredients* is where the bargains are to found.

Steaks illustrate the argument well enough, but fish can make the point even better. Grilled Dover sole costs a great deal less than when it comes from your own kitchen than it does in any restaurant.

In the case of sea bass the difference can be even more striking. Sea Wolf, or *loup de mer* in France, is invariably served as a whole fish at a premium price. Its size range is similar to that of sea or salmon trout. Big sea bass – they grow to a metre long according to Alan Davidson in *North Atlantic Seafood* – are not seen in every other fishmonger. The large ones probably go to restaurants. But fish of manageable domestic dimensions, weighing between 1lb and 4lb are not uncommon.

Sea bass bones all seem to be firmly attached to the vertebrae so that the skeleton comes away in one piece like a cartoon cat's *fishy trophy*.

The Spanish recipe for sea bass which follows is based on *Alan Davidson's lubina a la Santanderina*, and the sea bass flamed with fennel is a traditional French recipe.

Sea bass, Santander style
Serves four

1 sea bass, about 900g (2lb), or 2 smaller fish
Salt
Juice of 1 large lemon
4 tablespoons olive oil
About 6 tablespoons dry toast or breadcrumbs
About 6 tablespoons toasted almonds, chopped
4 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
150ml (¼ pint) fish stock, or white wine and water
Freshly ground black pepper

Alan Davidson's instructions are: "Clean and salt fish but do not skin it. Make deep vertical incisions in each side at intervals of 1½cm. Squeeze lemon juice and pour some olive oil over it so that it is all well moistened. Then put it in a moderately hot oven (200°C/400°F, gas mark 6).

"Meanwhile, pound a mixture of toasted almonds, toasted breadcrumbs and a little parsley. After the fish has baked for 10 minutes, take it out and strew this mixture over it. Return it to the oven for another 10 minutes or so, then take it out again and pour a ladleful or more of fumet (concentrated fish bouillon) over it. Five more minutes in the oven and your fish will be ready, sitting all succulent in its orange-coloured and subtly flavoured sauce. Serve it with wedges of lemon."

These timings work perfectly for a fish weighing about 450g (1lb). The larger fish needs five to ten minutes longer at the final stage.

Sea bass flamed with fennel
Serves two

1 sea bass, about 450g (1lb)
2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Small bunch dried fennel twigs or 1 tablespoon fennel seeds
1-2 tablespoons pastis

Clean the fish but do not skin it. Cut deep diagonal slits along its sides to allow the flesh to cook evenly and brush it with oil. Season it with salt and pepper and grill it quickly on both sides until it is cooked – five minutes to ten minutes each side depending on the grill.

Meanwhile, heat a flameproof dish which will hold the fish in a low oven. Put the fennel, twigs or seeds, in the dish while it heats to dry them completely.

When the fish is ready sprinkle it with the seeds, or lay it on top of the fennel twigs in the dish. Warm the pastis, light it and pour it, flaming over the fish. The twigs or seeds should burn too, flavouring the fish with the aniseed taste of fennel and pastis. Serve immediately with boiled or steamed potatoes.

Herrings fried in oatmeal illustrate a completely different sort of dish, homely fare that seldom finds its way even on to self-consciously regional menus. If you are cutting down animal fats then oil flavoured with a little bacon fat tastes better than plain oil.

Herrings in oatmeal
Serves four

4 fat herrings
Fine oatmeal
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Oil and bacon fat for frying
2 lemons

Clean and scale the herrings. Cut off their heads but leave on the tails. Open them out, pressing them flat on a board with the skin side up. Turn them over and prise out the backbone, starting at the head end, and taking with it as many of the side bones as possible. Use your fingers or tweezers to pull out a many of the remaining bones as possible.

Put the oatmeal on to a plate and season it. Press the herrings into the meal to coat both sides.

Heat the oil and bacon fat in a large frying pan and add the fish, skin side down. Fry them for a few minutes on one side then turn them over and fry the other side. Drain them on kitchen paper and serve the herrings very hot with half a lemon to squeeze on each fish. Again, plainly boiled or steamed potatoes go best with these rich fish.

The Times Cook

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THE TIMES DIARY

Taking liberties

Much hangs on the National Council for Civil Liberties' final report on coal strike policing: the future of the NCCL's new secretary, American lawyer Larry Gostin, for one thing and the future of the NCCL for another. It has been made clear to Gostin that unless the report *condemns the police and toes the* NUM line, both GLC and trade union finance – at least 30 per cent of the NCCL budget – will dry up. Nor is this the first such pressure. Sources say threats from the NUM executive led to an examination of pickets' behaviour being dropped from the inquiry's terms of reference even before it began. Further pressure was put on Gostin before publication of December's interim report: a call in the original draft for a ban on mass picketing because it violated working miners' rights was dropped, but the left still regarded mild criticism of miners' violence as "a total betrayal". The battle over the fundamental principle of whether a "scab" has rights has now spread to NCCL staff. Radicals are plotting Gostin's *removal*: Gostin, who pledged to make the NCCL demonstrably non-party-political, has let it be known that if the report is interfered with he will resign anyway – most publicly.

● **Queen Victoria would not be amused. According to *The Royal Baby Book*, produced by Yorkshire TV and Phoebe Hichens, Prince Albert died in 1851, and Queen Victoria went on to give birth two years later to Prince Leopold, and then Princess Beatrice in 1857.**

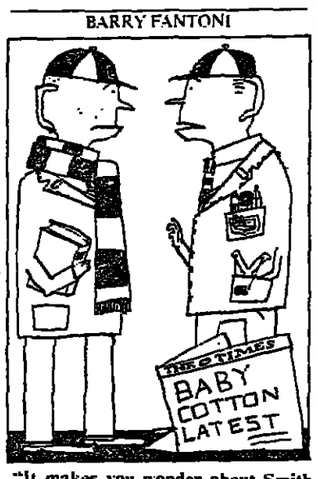
Discounted

Discount Traveller, the magazine *launched last June with the Prime* Minister's daughter as contributing editor, has folded – owing the Department of Industry its £50,000 loan. Founder and editor Rosie Boycott, admitted yesterday that after initial print runs of 60,000, circulation had plummeted to 13,000 and "it just wasn't making enough money". Though Carol Thatcher had given up her post after dark mutterings from her *Daily Telegraph* employers, she was still writing for the magazine: her last piece, in November, covered the Bangkok trip on which she sampled the delights of a local strip club.

Pure motive

The initials PHS, which mystifies many readers, do not puzzle the Essex police. In appealing for help *after the discovery of a dismembered* woman's torso, they sent a letter to *The Times* yesterday at "New Purity House Square."

BARRY FANTONI



"It makes you wonder about Smith Minor: his parents have got homes in the town and country"

BMA filter

Who pulled the plug on health organizations which invest in the tobacco industry? It was not, in fact, the British Medical Association, but a tiny radical pressure group. Buried *on page three, the BMA report* acknowledges that the research was conducted by Social Audit, whose director Charles Medewar is rather put out that the BMA has stolen the glory for work it had not even paid for. Who did pay? Medewar would not say but it was the DHSS-funded *Health Education Council*, whose director-general David Player cheerfully admitted yesterday to commissioning the report for £1,500. "My name is spelt as in the cigarette", he added helpfully.

Pressing business

Fleet Street's hardened hacks have never seen it before: a murder *victim with his own press officer.* They are being asked to direct all enquiries about murdered fashion millionaire Aristos Constantinous to Anthony Edwards PR

Collision course

Commander Colin Hamilton, Clare Francis, Gina Campbell and the Countess of Arran have just become *founder members* of Britain's most exclusive yacht club – open only to sailors ready to own up to disasters afloat. The *South West Shingles* Yacht Club takes its title from a buoy off the Isle of Wight Needles, accidentally hit both by founder David Latchford and Miss Francis. Commander Hamilton qualifies after being court-martialled for HMS Jupiter's collision with London Bridge, Miss Campbell overturned her craft in an assault on the water speed record, and Lady Arran hit what she assumed was a rock of the first Round Britain Race: "The rock swam away and I realized it was a shark."

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Let travellers rule the air

by Richard Branson

The Government's Aviation Policy Review of *1984* will go down in history as one of the best opportunities in its field ever to be *misused and misapplied – or just plain* missed.

What happened? The Secretary of State requested the Civil Aviation Authority to undertake this review in the context of the *privatization of British Airways. The CAA* invited contributions from a wide range of airlines, interested parties, and experts, who replied in abundance. Thousands of people applied their imagination and analytical abilities to the task.

And what emerged? No new freedom of choice for consumers. *No new opportunities* for efficiency and imagination. In an astonishing series of decisions, a government which favours competition and consumer sovereignty reduced the review to just another in a series of secret route-swap negotiations between British Airways and *British Caledonian.*

The Government has apparently decided that there shall be two private, privileged unsupervised airline monopolies, exposed to negligible competition either between themselves or from other airlines, and able to wield their monopoly power without even the disciplines of the Fair Trading and Competition Acts.

The new airlines which have emerged have proved how much better they satisfy consumers by growing at breathtaking speed. The old airlines have been jolted into wholly new standards of efficiency and concern for *their customers. Restrictive* practices have been liberalized. Overmanning and extravagant expenses have been eliminated.

British users of air transport and the new airlines have every reason to be bitterly disappointed at the contrast between the sweeping benefits delivered by dynamic government action in the US, and the rather grubby deal in the UK that passes for a policy review.

The record of British licensing decisions is one of startling inertia. The rounds of route transfers from BA to B Cal – the latest review – were not part of normal licensing processes. These processes so seldom replace one airline with another that even the least efficient airline, giving consumers the poorest value for money, can confidently expect to retain most of its monopoly routes *in the year 2185.* Over the 12 years of the CAA's existence, only 1 per cent of routes, have changed hands.

It is absolutely essential, in the future interests of consumers, that effective steps should be taken at once to prevent anti-competitive behaviour. The established *airlines are very much bigger than new*comers. We are completely at their mercy.

Our unique strength lies in the fact that we are much more efficient. British Airways cannot compete with us nose to nose if its prices are related properly to costs. But BA need only divert a whiff of its huge profits *from overpriced fares on protected, uncom*petitive routes to match our prices to New *York, or indeed the whole of the US. Then* we are dead – very quickly.

Four simple steps will put an end to such threats. The CAA should be told to publish in detail what steps it will take and what criteria it will apply in preventing predatory anti-competitive behaviour. At present the CAA appears *to endorse price-matching as* normal and necessary, even when it is cross-subsidized.

Aviation's unaccountable exemption from the Fair Trading and Competitions Acts should also be removed, and the secretary of state should use his powers over foreign airlines to keep them *in line with* British carriers.

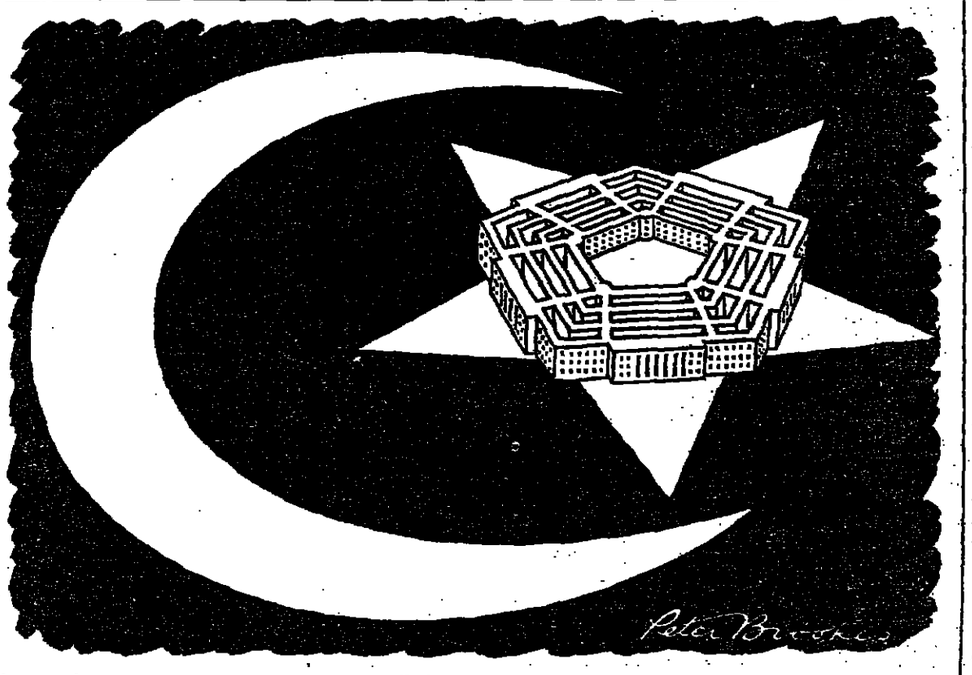
Fourthly, legislation should be improved. As things stand, CAA or OFT decisions to stop cross-subsidized discounting would be worthless. Regulated tariffs are breached openly and cynically without any action being taken. If and when all air routes are opened up to real competition, all this becomes unnecessary.

I find the emphasis on regulation strange and distasteful. But so long as established airlines can charge consumers whatever prices they like on 99 routes out of every 100, and can use these profits to overwhelm small competitors on the few routes they are allowed, the British air traveller and airline industry will suffer.

The author is chairman of the Virgin group of companies. This article is extracted from a speech delivered to the House of Lords Aviation Committee last night.

Edward Mortimer looks behind Turkey's new negotiating flexibility

Pentagon factor that might break the Cyprus deadlock



Tomorrow in New York the president of Cyprus, Spyros Kyprianou, will meet Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, for the first time since 1979. They meet, moreover, in an atmosphere of greater optimism about the possibility of a solution to the Cyprus conflict than has existed at any time since the Turkish intervention in 1974. Although the chances of breakdown or renewed stalemate remain very real, they no longer seem overwhelming as they did even two months ago.

The change in atmosphere can be dated very precisely. It came at the end of November, during the third round of "proximity talks" held in New York where the two leaders were negotiating indirectly through the UN Secretary-General, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar. Two earlier sessions in September and October had produced very little progress, and both the UN and the Greek Cypriots approached the third one *with considerable pessimism.*

To their astonishment they found themselves confronted for the first time by a Turkish offer which included significant concessions. *Denktas offered to reduce the* Turkish-held area from the present 37 per cent to 29 or 30 per cent of the republic's territory. (Turkish Cypriots make up 18 per cent of the population.)

The areas to be given up have not yet been defined on the map, but Denktas promised they would be those formerly populated by Greek Cypriots, "not desert land". It appears they will include most if not all of the former Greek sector of Famagusta.

In addition there is a suggestion, emanating from Perez de Cuellar but not rejected by Denktas, that each side might give up three per cent of its area to form a *bi-communal zone* – possibly under the direct control of a federal government as in Washington DC. This would be essentially a gain for the Greek Cypriots, who are seeking readmission to as much territory as possible and who have never sought to exclude Turks from *their zone.*

On the constitution of the new state, Denktas abandoned his proposal for a rotating presidency and accepted that there should always be a Greek president and Turkish vice-president as under the previous constitution of 1960. He *also accepted a 70-30 ratio of Greeks* to Turks both in the federal cabinet and in the lower house of parliament, insisting on 50-50 only for the upper house.

The Turkish ministers would no longer have a veto on all decisions, but only on issues of special concern to the *Turkish Cypriot community* – a list of such issues to be established by negotiation and written into the new constitution. But he has not so far accepted that the same principal should apply to parliamentary votes, and he is insisting that the post of foreign minister should always be filled by a Turkish Cypriot.

The concessions need to be put in perspective. They would still give the Turkish Cypriot community almost complete autonomy, as well as a share both of territory and of federal power (and no doubt also federal expenditure) well in excess of *its share of the population.*

Major issues remain to be settled such as the legislative veto, the so-called "fundamental freedoms", including freedom of movement, *settlement and private ownership*, which Denktas accepted in principle *in an agreement with Makarios as* long ago as 1977 but wishes to subordinate to "security" considerations, the issue of foreign guarantees for the settlement and – most important of all in Greek Cypriot eyes – the timetable for withdrawal of Turkish troops.

The Turks have always said that their troops would be withdrawn "when a solution has been found" to *the conflict. The Greek Cypriots* believe that this should mean as soon as the agreement begins to operate and the first transitional government takes office. The Turks are likely to argue that they should stay until the agreement has been *fully implemented, or even for a* probationary period after that.

The Greeks would not like a delay since it would give the Turks the chance to prolong their stay indefinitely by holding up the implementation of some detail in the agreement. They would thus *have their cake and eat it, while the* Greek Cypriots would have made far-reaching consitutional concessions without obtaining their essential object.

Even so, no one is dismissing the change in the Turkish position as merely cosmetic. The Greek Cypriots are the first to admit that it has put them on the spot and that if they *do not get an acceptable agreement* this time they will find it much more difficult to win support.

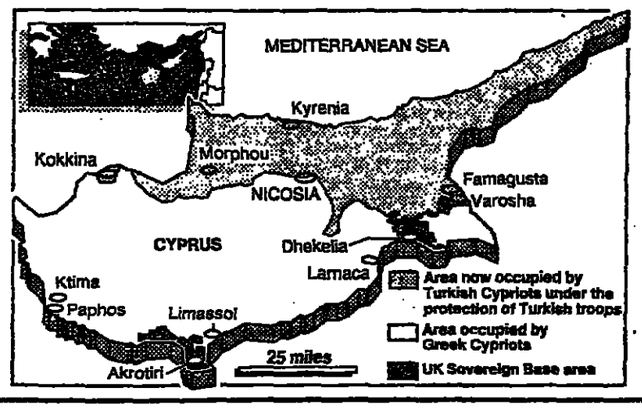
The most intriguing question at this stage is why the Turks have chosen this moment to move towards a settlement when they had stood pat for 10 years, apparently *quite satisfied with the status quo in* spite of ritual censure from the UN General Assembly. In November 1983 Denktas had declared the independence of the "Turkish *Republic of Northern Cyprus*" (TRNC). Although he presented this as a step towards a federation negotiated between equals it seemed clear that in reality he preferred being president of an "independent" state to being vice-president of an *island with a Greek majority.*

The Turkish government, although it claimed not to have been consulted, promptly recognized the new state and seemed quite willing to go on *supporting it. Indeed,* Turkey embarked on a major new investment in northern Cyprus in the shape of the airport at Lefkoniko and it was widely assumed, although officially denied in Washington, that this project must have American backing.

Yet there can be little doubt that the initative for a serious attempt at a settlement came not from Denktas but from the Ankara government. The civilian prime minister, Turgut *Ozal, who took office at the end of* 1983, may have been less delighted by the *fait accompli* of Turkish Cypriot "independence" than he allowed himself to seem. Being preoccupied with the Turkish economy he was certainly well aware how far the TRNC was from being *able to stand on its own feet and he* must have been anxious to share the economic burden with the Greek Cypriots and with international organizations.

But it is President Evren and the Turkish armed forces who are the ultimate arbiters of Turkish policy, especially with respect to Cyprus. For them the flow of American *weapons and defence aid is crucial* and this flow, although generous, is impeded by the insistence of Congress on maintaining a seven-to-ten ratio between Greece and Turkey. The ratio is regarded in the Pentagon and in the administration generally as an irksome irrelevance, *especially since the present Greek* government loudly proclaims it regards Turkey as its main enemy, not the Warsaw Pact. Yet the chances of getting Congress to break it are small so long as the Cyprus crisis remains unresolved thanks to Turkish intransigence.

That must have been the gist of the letter which Reagan reportedly wrote to Evren on November 22 and that almost certainly, was the consideration that persuaded the *Turkish generals that Denktas must* be made to budge.



Shell shock

Small Worlds: an occasional series on unlikely magazines

I don't expect you to believe this, but there are more than 800 people *in 80 countries who look forward to* the irregular arrival of the *Marine Turtle Newsletter* and I am one of them.

Not that I give much of a fig for turtles as such, but there is something endearing about the way scientists who study them seem to come over all maternal. *It must be* because they are such lumbering, graceless, vulnerable-looking creatures – *the turtles, that is, not the* scientists.

After eight years, *MTN*'s founder-editor, a delightful individual from Toronto named Nicholas Mrosovsky, has just relinquished his post to Nat (or "N.B." as he appears in the relevant bibliographies, where he is *in fact ubiquitous) Frazer. "For the* immediate future", promises Dr Frazer wisely. "I plan no substantial changes for the *MTN*." I wonder, though.

"As we address the biological and political problems surrounding sea turtle conservation, each of us would do well to recall the conclusion reached by S.C. Stearns in a recent paper on life history evolution, a conclusion that is also applicable to the study, management and conservation of marine turtles: *"the problem is not to establish who* is right, because no one is, but to identify the portion of truth perceived by each, and to discover how to connect those portions'."

Two female leatherbacks, meanwhile, have been diving with "time-depth recorders" on their backs. The *results (maximum 475m) "far* exceed any previously recorded for sea turtles". Deep, deep.

The longest article is a rumination on possible management/exploitation policies for a population of olive ridley turtles on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica. Controlled egg collection seems to be favoured, possibly as a means of financing the establishment of "a modest beach hotel scheme which might ultimately provide enough revenue from turtle-watching tourists that sale of eggs would not be *essential*".

Granted that a couple of weeks watching turtles may not be everybody's idea of a dream holiday, watching the things is certainly *preferable to eating them as far as* the *MTN* readership is concerned. "Using the turtles for food might result in people of Pacific Costa Rica becoming large-scale consumers of sea turtles, similar to those on the Caribbean coast", notes one expert gloomily.

A man from Hawaii would like to hear from "anyone having information on sea turtles basking (particularly those crawling up on to ramps in captivity)"; another would like to know the provenance of an aluminium tag embossed with the number EL82678 found on one of the outermost islands in the chain. "No such tags have been used in Hawaii for turtles, seals, fishes or whales."

Two rather choice jobs are on offer, both as field directors in the Virgin Islands, where the nesting and hatching routines of leatherback sea turtles are to be studied with unusual intensity. "Applicants must be willing to patrol 2.4km of beach on foot . . ." The bad news is that turtles, like their human benefactors, tend to get up to their most interesting tricks at night.

Tony Samstag

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Robin Cook

Labour's bridges are still intact

Over the new year I made the startling discovery that I am a cupboard Eurocommunist. No matter that I have never belonged to any communist party, European or otherwise. Apparently I, like Moliere's *M Jourdan, have* been spouting Eurocommunism for years without knowing it.

I owe this insight to a certain national newspaper, which in this journal had best be left unnamed but which has been hosting in its feature page and letters column a vigorous dispute as to what is going on in the left.

The point of departure for its line of analysis is the deep fissure in the British Communist Party. Although it may appear rather odd in an organization which most stresses the importance of the party line, the *Communist Party is the most* divided of our political parties. The majority faction, who for sake of historical patina we may term the Bolsheviks, are more influenced by Gramsci than Stalin.

Gramsci argued that a precondition of establishing socialism must be the development of *cultural* values which support socialist practice to displace the social attitudes, fostered by the ruling elite, which are invariably hostile to socialism. The *significance* of Gramsci is that he provides a theoretical basis for reconciling communism with pluralism by emphasizing the need for consent.

As to the Menshevik faction, it might be unkind to suggest that they are more influenced by Stalin than anybody else, but it is the case that their publications are free from *indelicately blunt criticism of those* states where a centrally planned economy is rammed down the throats of the population by *force majeure*, despite extensive discussion of those states in their writings.

It is their contention that the Bolsheviks in the party are neglecting the traditional communist road to socialism through the *industrial* class struggle, which in turn obliges them to maintain that nothing fundamental has changed in Britain since Marx – or at any rate Engels – laid down his pen.

The Bolshevik faction controls *Marxism Today*, which they have turned into one of the most lively journals of the left. The Mensheviks have managed to retain the editorship of the *Morning Star*, official organ of a party in which they are in the minority faction. This is carrying pluralism a bit far for the Bolsheviks, who have been involved in a long fight to make the party organ express the views of the party majority, culminating in this week's expulsion of its editor and his deputy.

So far so good. Feature writers have not been content to let matters end there, however. They have rounded on the Labour Party, noting that there has been a similar division within Labour's left, and then busied themselves paring off the contending factions on the Labour left with the warring clique in the Communist Party. Before there is time to recite Clause Four the soft left has been dubbed Eurocommunist, and the Bennites, with equal injustice, are saddled with the label of Stalinist. This change of name then paves the way for much excited talk about a realignment on the left.

Personally, I remain unexcited and unconvinced by this talk. It is true there are correspondences between the two parallel debates which are most marked in their subjective assessment of reality. Eurocommunism and the soft left are both depressed by the depth of Labour's defeat in 1983 and the long decline in support which preceded it. Stalinists and hard left are correspondingly cheered by the vigour and intensity of the current debate among left activists.

As a result these loose alliances have been dubbed respectively pessimist and optimist, but in truth this distinction is wide of the mark. If you believe that socialism can and should only be achieved through mass consent, then you are obliged to be concerned by its evident *absence of majority support. If you* favour vanguard politics you are going to set greater store by the raised consciousness of a committed elite than the arithmetical calculus of the ballot box or opinion poll.

Yet the identikit sketch prepared by feature writers provides a far *from perfect fit, and their realign*ment thesis ignores one inconvenient but crucial development. As the crevice in the Communist Party is levered open by either side, *bridges are hurriedly being thrown* across Labour's own rift. The past six months have been a sobering period for Labour's left, which has been displaced from influence on the national executive and trounced in elections to the Shadow Cabinet.

Tribune newspaper the other week distilled some of the lessons of this period in an editorial which unceremoniously bundled into the past the paper's recent stance, and offered the party leader qualified *support whenever he found himself* challenged by the right.

To be sure some people will never be persuaded to cross a bridge, however wide it may be built. Sectarians would always rather inhabit an island than conquer a continent. But if I were pressed to forecast a realignment on the left this year I would predict that when it ends, Labour's left will have united among itself rather than with different factions of the Communist Party.

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Digby Anderson

An irregular way to cut costs

I am not constipated and with luck I will not be constipated after April 1. This is just as well because from that *date those who are will not be* allowed the proper medicine on NHS prescription.

Doctors will not be permitted to prescribe certain branded acceptable laxatives. Instead they will prescribe granules which are, I am told, extremely unpleasant to take. These are ominously described in the literature as "taking some days to be effective". The matter is not trivial. Constipation is a regular problem for some, who will have to get used *to the granules on a regular basis.*

Fortunately I do not suffer from migraines either. If I did, I would not be allowed an analgesic such as the popular Distalgesic, but be given aspirin, paracetamol or something else whose name I forget but which sounds like a replacement for *Polaris. It is narcotic and can cause* constipation and thus increase the number in the compulsory granule queue.

I make no judgment about the *relative merits of these products* – I am not qualified to do so. The point is that they differ in effect, manner of taking, side effects or merely in their suitability for a particular patient.

The author of this interference, which has nothing to do with health, *is the health minister, Kenneth* Clarke. He has decided to tell doctors what they may prescribe and to restrict what patients may receive. It has been estimated that 10 million patients will be aware of the effects and five million to six million be significantly affected. Given the high *proportion of elderly prescription* users, it is likely that they will be among those most affected. No one will die but many may be seriously inconvenienced.

Even if, as is likely, the Government amends the silliest restrictions, patients will receive less than optimum health care. The *dispute* about Mr Clarke's list is not, then, an esoteric battle between doctors, *the DHSS and the pharmaceutical* industry. It concerns the coerced customers of the NHS who, as usual, *have not been asked what they want* for the money they are compelled to pay in taxes.

In one respect the fault is not Mr Clarke's. The affair shows graphically the general point that nationalized industries with limited means are perpetually liable to *rationing and restriction by poli*ticians and bureaucrats. It is one thing to be told what to take by a doctor who may be arrogant but more often is not and, in the best cases, comes to a choice of suitable prescription with the patient. It is quite another to have ministers and civil servants deciding what we shall take for constipation and even encouraging us to suffer from it.

It is not a new problem. Expectations of health care are rising and NHS cannot meet them all. Hence the queues for non-acute hospital admissions, and hence Clarke's list. The NHS is not a health service but, at least potentially, a political institution, ultimately the toy of politicians.

There are two possible answers to *this problem.* The first is to raise taxes and give more funds to the NHS. It is not, in fact, an answer, but it would reduce and postpone the problem. I think it is mistaken but it is a view which can be *held by* well-intentioned people.

The second is to encourage a mixed system of health provision, with charges for non-health NHS services and incentives for those who leave the nationalized system and at present have to pay twice. *Unlike Mr Clarke's list, these* schemes do not discriminate in the range and choice of medicines and health services and would not interfere with decision-making.

Both are principled; *the second is* in accord with the Government's rhetoric about consumer sovereignty and increased choice. But Mr Clarke shows little interest in principles. It is difficult to see his list as anything but an ad hoc manoeuvre to save £100m in response to Cabinet pressure. (And like all holding measures it will have to be done again – what will be restricted next year?) *It has nothing to do with* undertakings previously given, for example by his predecessor Patrick Jenkin: "Not for us are such devices as limited lists, black lists, compulsory substitution of generics."

It is not even principled as a list. *If list there had to be, it could have* been of indications or conditions or income groups exempted from *prescription charges rather than* medicines. It could have been of non-health prescriptions – charging for the currently free contraceptive pill alone would bring in £40m.

Mr Clarke's list is discriminatory and a poor substitute for fundamental reform. It is an *interference in doctors' and patients'* choice. But perhaps most worrying, it shows the increasing tendency of the Government to forget its convictions and to dodge its way along, cutting services where most administratively convenient. The Government that preaches less state *interference is now considering in* detail how to regulate what shall happen in its citizens' lavatories.

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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A NEW LINK FOR EUROPE

A debate on the Channel Tunnel, scheduled in the House of Lords today, may seem the hoariest of chestnuts. But the atmosphere surrounding that venerable project has unquestionably changed in the last few months. For the first time, or certainly the first time in many years, the idea has captured the imagination and earned the positive enthusiasm of the British prime minister.

As recently as last May, when a group of British and French banks reported that a twin-bore rail "shuttle tunnel" would be financially viable, but only with government guarantees, Mr Nicholas Ridley promptly announced that such guarantees would certainly not be forthcoming. Six months later, however, Mr Ridley went to Paris and agreed with M Paul Quilès, the French housing minister, to set up a joint working group to devise guidelines for assessing the rival projects.

He has implicitly accepted the argument of the financial institutions that government commitment was a necessary pre-condition for lining up the money for any one scheme.

Two weeks after that it was the prime minister's turn to visit Paris and to announce, in a joint declaration with President Mitterrand, that she recognized "the potential importance of a cross-Channel fixed link as an element in the great European transport network", and considered "that such a link would be technically feasible and financially viable". Thus the question is no longer "whether" but "how".

What has changed? In one sense nothing, or nothing in the British attitude. The British position has been, ever since Mr Crosland stopped the digging ten years ago, that the tunnel must not come at the taxpayer's expense. It is the French, long scornful of this attitude, who have come round. *La rigueur* is the order of the day now for government spending, even more in Paris than in London. The guarantees now being offered are political – government will not cause investors to lose their money by taking action to scupper the project – rather than financial. The private investor is being asked to put up his own money at his own risk.

But, and this is a crucial difference, he *is* being asked – or he is going to be. The British Government is no longer taking the line that this is a sordid commercial affair of no consequence to the state. Its value to the British and European economies, to the one as a part of the other, is explicitly recognized. The inconsistency of crowing over the achievement of the M25, while pretending that it does not matter whether Britain is linked to the continent or not, has been abandoned.

A number of factors have come together to produce this change. The solution of Britain's budget problem in the Community has made Europe in general and M Mitterrand in particular seem suddenly more attractive. The emphasis on creating a "real common market" by removing obstacles to trade endows the idea of a direct link to the continent, without the hassle of unloading and reloading or the danger of interruption by gales and fog, with an obvious relevance.

The persistence of high unemployment and the rumblings of the CBI have undeniably also lent a certain lustre to a project variously estimated as likely to provide fifty or even a hundred thousand jobs in the late 1980s, especially if it really does not have to be financed out of the public sector borrowing requirement. That argument will have been forcefully urged by Lord Young, the new cabinet minister with a specific mandate to help find new jobs; while any anxiety that there might be something "wet" about such a notion must have been allayed by the involvement of Mr Ian MacGregor in the most ambitious of the schemes on offer, the "Eurotunnel" project combining both bridge and tunnel. That scheme, which would enable the citizen to drive from London to Paris in his own car, clearly has an appeal for Mrs Thatcher with her well-known preference for road over rail transport. Regarded six months ago as almost a non-starter because of its high cost, it has been made to sound an exciting financial opportunity largely by the public relations genius of Sir Nigel Broackes. By an inspired if far-fetched comparison with British Telecom he has made the very size of the sum to be raised sound like an argument in its favour.

The working party's report will no doubt bring us all down to earth again, but not – it must be hoped – with too much of a bump. The macro-economic benefits of the fixed link are not seriously questioned. The comparison with Concorde, while salutary in so far as it has dissuaded governments from underwriting an open-ended commitment in the taxpayer's name, is hardly tenable when one looks at the number of people who stand to benefit. And the political symbolism of a project which would literally bind this country, not just to France but to the European continent, is something we should surely by now be able to welcome rather than shun. As evidence of our European commitment, it would carry far more conviction than any number of flags, anthems, or maroon-coloured passports.

WHITHER THE BBC: III

The Government should concede no increase in the BBC licence fee. Nor should it jump to an ill-considered conclusion that advertising be taken immediately on *Radios 1 and 2* and BBC 1. The future of British broadcasting requires rapid and radical enquiry first.

The BBC's case for a £65 licence fee is based on the slogan "The Best Bargain in Britain". In the next few weeks the Government will be able to digest a new *efficiency audit*, which the accountants Peat Marwick have conducted on the BBC's operations. This will clearly be an important document and if the BBC is to gain public confidence that the licence fee is being well spent it *should abandon* its current proposal to keep its contents secret. But the Government should not allow an efficiency exercise to blind it to the major point at issue. The BBC may or may not turn out to be good value for money but a bargain is something that the buyer can leave on the shelf if he so chooses. The BBC can never be the best bargain in Britain in that important sense.

The key issue is not: how much money does the BBC need to finance its present activities? Instead the Government should ask what does it require the national network competitors to the Independent Broadcasting Authority's local and regional stations to do. In particular what does it require them to do that would not otherwise be done if the Government played no part at all?

Advertising must eventually pay for some of the "quality television" now financed by the BBC licence. Last September the BBC's influential Director of Television Resources, Mr Michael Checkland, said that "the main economic problem for television broadcasters is that there will not be sufficient money to cover all the aspirations of programme makers". He pointed to the reduction in the percentage of BBC programmes made in the studio, the increase in those on more expensive locations. He pointed to the overall rising production costs – now standing at an average of £75,000 an hour compared to less than £20,000 per hour for purchased programmes. He called for "new efforts by public service broadcasters, often used to the privilege of monopoly, to improve the presentation of their programme schedules." He also warned of the money this improved presentation would cost.

Sixty percent of the BBC's £720M expenditure now goes to pay and provide offices for its staff. Few of us can hope to have all our aspirations met and if the aspirations of broadcasters are to be more fully met than those of the rest of the community there is certainly no reason why it should be done at the public expense. Public policy on broadcasting must have as its first aim to protect the public service. The present system cannot do this.

Eight years ago Lord Annan's Committee recommended a break-up of the BBC into its radio and television and local radio components. The Government should now prepare to go further than this. It should consider quickly the establishment of a new broadcasting commission to auction franchises that are currently operated by the BBC. These franchises could form one or more than one of the services that the Corporation currently controls. Public service criteria would be constructed and strictly enjoined upon the franchise holders, all of whom would be allowed to take advertising under as little regulation as the commission thought appropriate to the smooth establishment of the new arrangements.

The licence fee would not be abolished. It would be held at its present level – or possibly lower – and used by the commission to ease the changeover and to fund public services. The most important of these would be a new news and current affairs service which would most likely be created out of the present BBC departments. This could be protected from political interference by a board of governors similar to that now employed for the BBC as a whole. It is only since 1963 that the BBC has enjoyed all of the licence fee. Its successors need not take it all in future. In the next few weeks the Government has the opportunity to begin the process of redefining public service broadcasting in a way that will ensure its survival for the 1990s and beyond. It should seize it with a will.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Way forward in pits dispute

From Mr Ian Parker

Sir, One must be appalled at the irresponsible attitude of certain colliery managers who erroneously claim that the present coal dispute will end, not by negotiation, but by the trickle back to work on the part of the miners, even though they freely admit that this could take until 1986 to accomplish.

With the disastrous memories of 1984 tucked under our belts, one cannot truly comprehend the damage to the work force, the industry, and the country, should this course of action be embarked upon. One can only hope that these are the ramblings of certain individuals and do not reflect the board's attitude towards the resumption of talks with the NUM.

Without a shadow of a doubt, the bone of contention throughout this dispute has been the feeling of insecurity that has pervaded this industry, not only experienced by the NUM, but also by other sections of the work force.

Hopefully, early in 1985, the Government and the board will seek to achieve a more liberal awareness of the work force's fears, by spelling out the industry's future in terms of the number of mines, the size of the work force to be retained and the capacity envisaged, both medium and long term, on the basis of an all-party appraisal.

Given this information, one can envisage the emergence of more productive and honest relationships between the board and the unions concerned, a far happier and contented work force and an end to this most costly and damaging dispute.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Francis McWilliams

Sir, In October you published a letter from me in which I proposed that the closure of pits should be subject to independent arbitration. Shortly afterwards, during the talks with Nacods, the National Coal Board agreed to such a procedure.

However, three months later the agony of the strike is still with us, although to most dispassionate observers there is no further concession conceivable which could justify the prolongation of the misery and the violence.

It must be time for the Coal Board to call on Nacods and the NUM to institute the arbitration procedure. It should then become obvious to everyone that staying on strike because, in *Mr McGahey's words*, "we have already been out for 10 months", is not a good enough reason for causing such distress.

Yours faithfully,
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January 9.

Extermination camps

From Mr T. A. Ende

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Christopher Walker, writing from Jerusalem (January 3) gives February 4, 1985, as the fortieth anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps by "Allied forces".

In his work, *Russia at War 1941-1945*, published by Barrie and Rockliff, Alexander Werth, BBC correspondent behind the Soviet lines, says that Maidanek extermination camp was discovered by the Russians on July 23, 1944, and was captured "almost intact" the following August.

He says, "When I sent the BBC a detailed report on Maidanek in August, 1944, they refused to use it; they thought it was a Russian propaganda stunt, and it was not till the discovery in the West of Buchenwald, Dachau and Belsen that they were convinced that Maidenek and Auschwitz were also genuine".

Yours truly,
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When we were young

From Miss Hermione Wade

Sir, In my father's edition of *Knight's Pictorial Shakspere* (published by Virtue & Co, London, 1865) I recently discovered a rather charming footnote, which seemed to be as pretty a compliment as any to pay you in your anniversary year.

In Act I, Scene 1 of *Much Ado about Nothing* Beatrice describes Benedick as having "set up his bills." The note to explain this expression begins:

The history of advertising, if well worked out, would form one of the most curious chapters of any account of the progress of English civilisation. We are here in the rude stages of that history, and see the beginnings of the craving for publicity which was to produce that marvel of society, a *Times* newspaper of our day.

Yours faithfully,
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Aiding teachers who 'could do better'

From Professor John Honey

Sir, Digby Anderson's provocative suggestion (January 9) that 76 per cent of teachers are incompetent compares with the one per cent conceded by the NUT General Secretary, Mr Fred Jarvis, in a discussion on Channel 4 News on January 4.

Of the total of 600,000 teachers, this latter estimate yields an agreed minimum of 6,000 incompetents. At the present rate, whereby fewer than 60 established teachers are displaced each year for incompetence, it will take more than 100 years to purge the service of the hard core of real shockers.

But this still neglects the main problem, which is the system by which teachers are certified fit to enter the profession. "Qualified teacher" status is awarded at the end of a three of four-year BEd degree or an eight-month postgraduate certificate course.

In either case, however experienced the teacher-trainers, it is far too early to give a judgement which will allow through only those who are certain to possess the competence and flexibility to cope with the changing demands of a 40-year-long career.

A proportion of weaker students are given the benefit of the doubt, and the same uncertainty attends the decision to allow them through their probationary year in their first full-time post.

These problems would disappear if QT status were only awarded after rigorous assessment at the end of the third year of teaching, and if we instituted a radically new system of in-service professional development for teachers which differs from the present half-hearted provision by being systematic, compulsory, and subject to tests of continuing competence.

Then we could cope properly with that category which is far larger and more significant than the incompetents: the many teachers who "could do better" and need to be helped to do so.

Yours faithfully,
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From the Headmaster of Gordonstoun School

Sir, I welcome Sir Keith Joseph's comments last Friday (report, January 5) as a move in the right direction. The purging of incompetent teachers is not the most positive expression of accountability, however, and what is needed in the teaching profession is an accountability that helps people to teach well, and for higher salaries.

The one must go with the other: such a combination would encourage able graduates to join and remain in one of the most important professions and would also cut short the career of those who were incompetent.

I do not see that we in the teaching profession can expect the Government to consider large pay claims unless we can be seen to be working very hard.

It simply isn't enough to complain that teachers have fallen behind other professions, particularly if such complaints are accompanied by action that makes the public feel that some teachers, in refusing to cover for the absence of colleagues, to supervise lunch, to take activities in odd corners of the day or at weekends and to attend meetings are simply making the most of what they think is in any case a cushy job.

Of course a teacher's day is usually a very long one and many teachers do a great deal of work at weekends and in the so-called holidays – but neither this nor the fact that many aspects of teaching are now more difficult than ever are always perceived by others.

Those who genuinely want outsiders and paymasters to see our profession in a new light should welcome a move towards greater accountability. If this accountability is properly thought through the difficulty of exactly who should assess head teachers and teaching staff can be surmounted – though not to everyone's satisfaction.

In addition, the proper use of accountability – the establishment of clear aims, discussion and encouragement, an agreed policy of review and monitoring – should help good teachers to be even better ones and give a real chance to those who are floundering to get a grip of things before it is too late.

I am sure that all teachers, including heads, should be on fixed-term contracts. We should all be encouraged to perform and a little nervous about what will happen if we don't.

Naturally all of this will be vociferously opposed by the main teaching unions. What a pity. Like the unions, I am certain that to create wealth for the country a hard-working teaching profession needs to be paid more. Until it is prepared to accept positive accountability, however, it won't be.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MAVOR, Headmaster,
Gordonstoun School,
Elgin,
Moray.
January 8.

Investing cancer funds

From Dr D. Innes Williams

Sir, The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, one of the largest independent cancer research organisations in the world, is in the very forefront of the fight against cancer. As a responsible research body it has consistently reminded the public that the death rate from cancer would be cut by one-third if cigarette smoking was discontinued.

Dr Bodmer, the director of research, was at great pains to highlight this point in the admirable series of lectures he recently delivered to young people at the Royal Institution. It is deplorable therefore that the recent press release from the BMA (report, January 14) should suggest a lack of common purpose amongst the health institutes which does not in fact exist.

It has been the policy of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund for over 20 years not to invest in the tobacco industry and our investment managers have instructions to this effect. The investment in Grand Metropolitan Hotels which was acquired many years ago before its recent interest in tobacco products in the United States, was seen by our investment advisers as a holding in the hotel and catering industry.

If corporate trustees were seriously to attempt to implement the purist policy advocated by the BMA by excluding participation in companies with transitory or indirect links with the tobacco industry, where would this lead us? To quote but a few instances – the major banks, insurance companies, highly reputable investment trusts – would be suspect as possible stockholders in the industry.

The simplistic BMA view of the complexity of financial interest and markets invites a rejoinder that this august body would be better advised to concentrate on medical rather than financial and moral issues.

The matter will be discussed in our finance committee, but how much more dignified and less inflammatory it would have been had the BMA approached us direct rather than through the press.

Yours faithfully,
D. INNES WILLIAMS,
Chairman of Council,
Imperial Cancer Research Fund,
Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2.
January 14.

Civil defence

From Mr A. Leadbetter

Sir, Sir Leslie Mavor says (January 3): "A certain level of civil preparedness against the possibility of war is an essential complement to a policy of deterrence." In plain terms, what does this mean in relation to our deterrent (Polaris or Trident)? The key question is, what is Polaris/Trident meant to deter?

If our deterrent is meant to deter merely an all-out nuclear attack on this country, then civil defence is irrelevant to the deterrent's effectiveness: because once this country had been subjected to an all-out nuclear attack, our willingness to respond with Polaris/Trident would be the same, whether or not we had civil defence (in either case we would have nothing further to lose).

What Sir Leslie Mavor must be saying is that we need civil defence in order that our Government should be willing to use Polaris/Trident *before* we had suffered an all-out attack on this country: we need civil defence in order that our Government should be willing to act in a way that will inevitably result in a full-scale nuclear attack on this country.

If that's what we need civil defence for, then I for one believe that civil defence is the last thing we need.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN LEADBETTER,
8 Madison Street,
Tunstall,
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

Truth in jest?

From Mrs T. H. Chadwick

Sir, Recently I was knocked down and robbed by a young man wearing a turban; his partner-in-crime was West Indian; together they escaped in a stolen car.

When reporting it to the police, I commented that it was unusual for an Indian and a West Indian to be involved together in crime.

The policeman suggested that it might be a new aspect of racial harmony!

Yours sincerely,
THELMA CHADWICK,
7 Elm Road, Manchester.

Strategic defence

From Dr J. W. Arriens

Sir, On the face of it, the SDI (Strategic defence initiative), as described by Air Vice-Marshal Menaul in his letter of December 29, is logically persuasive. If the onward march of technology could provide a perfect defensive shield that would, prima facie, be desirable in so far as it removed the spectre of nuclear attack.

There are, however, two objections – one from the "right" and one from the "left". The former is that if one side were to obtain such a shield and not the other, it would be seriously destabilizing; and that if both acquired it more or less simultaneously (as history suggests they would) this would then nullify the system of mutual assured destruction which, it is claimed, has underpinned peace for the past thirty years.

The second, leftist (some would say logical, scientific and historical) objection is even more serious. It is that the nuclear arms race has been consistently characterized by one side or the other believing it could steal a march on the other, only to end up with a fresh (if inherently meaningless) parity at still higher levels. These initiatives have almost invariably come from scientists and technologists; intercontinental ballistic missiles, multiple independently targeted re-entry vehicles, miniaturization and accuracy are all cases in point.

What we may be sure of is that as fast as defensive capability is increased, so offensive capabilities will be expanded. Apart from "star wars" interception, a foolproof strategic defence system would require a cordon of interceptor stations at close intervals dotted the entire length of the US (and Soviet) coastline to ward off submarine-launched attacks.

However effective such a massively expensive system might be, it takes little imagination to see that it would never be able to cope with a mass launch from numerous enemy submarines massed off the coast, each equipped with considerably more missiles than at present and with considerably greater numbers of warheads per missile. We would simply be back to where we had started, at vastly increased expense.

The point is that in nuclear – unlike conventional – warfare, interception has to be perfect and foolproof, or there is no point in having it at all.

Yours faithfully,
J. W. ARRIENS,
10 West End,
Whittlesford,
Cambridge.

Cricket, 'proper' cricket

From Mr Ted Jackson

Sir, One often hears complaints that limited-overs matches "aren't proper cricket"; and even that one-day internationals are in cricketing terms "an evil" because they tend to cause standards of play to deteriorate.

The recent farce enacted in Calcutta prompts the suggestion that a cricket match merits the accolade of being termed "proper" – regardless of where it is played, or by whom, or under what variation of the (constantly developing) laws of the game – provided only that three criteria are satisfied:

1. "Cricket is warfare between friends": so each team must (subject only to point 3 below) strive throughout fairly to win.
2. No player must ever put personal performance above the needs of his team; so each may have to take risks in the interests of wicket-taking, run-making, or run-saving (in which *regard there is no distinction* between the last 60 overs of a six-day Test, and the second innings in a one-day international).
3. Batsmen or bowlers should only "shut up shop" (viz, take no risks at all) when their team has conclusively no chance of winning; (what "conclusively" does *not* mean was gloriously illustrated at Headingley in 1981, when Botham and Willis won England an unexpected victory).

Three of the most nail-bitingly "proper" (in those terms) matches I ever saw were the Benson and Hedges Cup and NatWest Bank Trophy finals at Lord's won by Middlesex in 1983 and 1984 and a 20-overs-a-side National Cricket Association semi-final played at Trent Bridge in 1978 between two fine under-16 XIs from Somerset and Middlesex.

By contrast, the recent so-called Test match was so lacking in "propriety" that the Cricket Council would seem justified in declaring it "no contest".

Yours faithfully,
TED JACKSON,
23 Lyndale Avenue, NW2.

Need for a 'new deal'

From Mr Sydney Shenton

Sir, The evidence in support of President Rooseveh's capital schemes, as quoted by Mr Aubrey Jones (January 5), is clearly cogent and appropriate to our own circumstances today.

The results more than justified the supporting testimony; employment increased, much of the US infrastructure was rebuilt, including projects paying off to this day, and the turn from depression to unparalleled prosperity commenced. The evidence which could be provided for similar measures here today is just as obvious and more certain and quantifiable.

Means of the essential proper evaluation are well known and highly developed as compared with the state of the art in the 1930s. We can measure with high accuracy the labour content, import proportion and rate of return, utilizing discount cash flow techniques to ensure choice of schemes which will bring amongst other benefits the maximum employment gains.

Into the equation must come the rate of acceleration of future costs. For example, over a fifth of our major motorways are under constant repair, and in each succeeding year it will cost up to 20 per cent more to effect renovation with higher and higher proportions out of traffic use. Similar cumulative problems apply to most of our infrastructure.

An additional positive element strongly reinforces the need for this type of capital expenditure: an immediate return in moving people and goods more cost-effectively where we badly need to catch up with our European competitors. Most important of all, the creation of long-term employment. Every single study in depth shows that such investment is far more effective in this vital aspect than any taxation reduction can possibly be.

It is evident that only the Prime Minister can ask the Chancellor to direct the maximum surplus he can anticipate next year into carefully chosen capital projects. It is a decision taken quickly and with her characteristic courage it could soon turn the tide.

Sincerely,
SYDNEY SHENTON,
95 The Crescent,
Davenport,
Stockport,
Cheshire.
January 5.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 16 1867

The tragedy in Regent's Park resulted in the deaths of 40 people including a number of children. The Times published letters criticizing the authorities and the suggestion that the depth of the lake should be reduced was put into effect by the Crown Commissioners, skating was also prohibited. The news reached Germany; it prompted the Princess Feodora of Hohenlohe-Langenburg to write to Queen Victoria, her half sister, to say "... How dreadful is the accident. ... People are so independent in England, such things hardly ever happen in Germany ..."

FEARFUL ACCIDENT IN THE REGENT'S PARK

Yesterday one of the most awful calamities ever known in the metropolis took place in the Regent Park, where, by the simultaneous giving way of the whole of the ice the lake, at least 200 people thrown into the water at once, from 20 to 40 persons drowned scenes were most startling harrowing. Women rushed ab the banks screaming out the children, or husbands, or broth drowning, and imploring standers to save them. Boys stood hysterically crying and their hands, and between exclaiming "Oh, look at father, father!" and giving to other heartrending and strong men convuls to those who had no mea pointed out friends struggling in the agonic

Only those who, like on the spot, and saw wi their own eyes what took place, can form an *adequate idea* of the calamity which in an instant placed 200 persons at the very gates of death, almost within arms' reach of those who were related to them by the closest ties, but who were yet in most cases obliged to stand helplessly by and see them *fighting* desperately for life and gradually succumbing, or waiting passively, clinging to pieces of ice till they became insensible and lost their hold. While sympathy and regret moves all who hear of the sudden and painful death of so many human beings, it must be recorded that the death they met with was the result of their own excessive foolhardiness in remaining upon the ice to steal a few extra moments' enjoyment at a fearful risk, when thousands of persons saw and *appreciated* the fearfully unsafe condition of the ice, and congregated on the banks with the certain *expectation of seeing* large numbers immersed in the water.

By half past 3 o'clock, the ice showed unmistakable signs of breaking up. It was cracked to such an extent, that there was not a sound piece of more than a foot or so broad, and the cracks were clearly marked by the water which rose through them. These alarming symptoms were noticed by everybody, and many who had sense enough made the best of their way off, expressing their opinions as they did so that the ice would not last many minutes longer. Even these in many instances, got a wetting in getting out of danger, for with hardly an exce the ice had parted from the round the lake. Notwithsta warning signs, more than 2 still remained on the ice sl sliding.

Shortly before 4 o'cloc children and two men went the ice together at about a doze *from the south-western shore* gentleman immediately plunged in brought to the shore the three child who clung round so as almost to d him. Here one of the Royal Hu Society's men excited a great de indignation. He went a foot or s the water, and there waited t children were brought to hi then, with another, claimed t rescued them. One of the men w fallen in scrambled out, and th was taken from a boat by a Humane Society's man. Imm after this several other people but they were soon got out.

As the frightened groups m the banks the whole field of ice two or three heaves, an simultaneously broke up over whole of the broad part of the lak an instant 200 men and child ren thrown into the water. A fearful c dismay proceeded from them as fell, which was mingled with a *shout of horror* from the who lined the banks. The all confusion and distraction. For se *minutes nothing effectual* was thought of, and there in the could be seen children of from ei 12 years of age clinging to the ec the broken ice, crying every mo frantic voices for the assistance those who witnessed their suff were powerless to render them, a a brief time giving up their short of life with a few last faint waves hands above the water. Those witnessed these scenes cried shrieked with even greater exhi of feeling than the sufferers t selves.

The first shock over, men ru wildly about, seizing upon everyt in the shape of a rope or spar to t to the struggling and drowning; but by this time all direct communication with them was cut off by the general breaking up of the ice, and very few were reached for a long time.

Dressing down

From Canon Roy Meadows

Sir, Concerning the sartorial proclivities of some clergymen, I remember attending the installation of a new dean in a cathedral which shall remain nameless.

We Service chaplains were seated in the south and north transepts well before the start of the proceedings. The diocesan clergy emerged from the crypt at the end of the nave, whereupon an Army chaplain next to me leaned over and whispered, "And the see gave up its dead!" A bit naughty, but they really did look scruffy!

Yours sincerely,
ROY MEADOWS,
The White Cottage,
Kimbolton, Cambridgeshire.

Flipping one's lid

From Mr Denis Atherton

Sir, Your recent flurry of correspondence on how to raise one's beret provokes the wider question: "In these days of rampant women's lib is it incumbent upon the male to doff his titfer at all?"

Yours faithfully,
DENIS ATHERTON
96 Mackenzie Road, N7

COURT AND SOCIAL

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give garden parties at the Palace of Holyroodhouse on July 4 and at Buckingham Palace on July 10, 17 and 23.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit the Electric Vehicle Project of Sinclair Vehicles at the factory of Hoover plc, *Merthyr Tydfil, on* January 29.

The Prince of Wales will attend the Norfolk Country Landowners' Association's conference at Barnham Broom Country Club, Norfolk, on February 5.

The service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Walter Stansfield will take place at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield, London EC1, at noon on Tuesday, February 12, 1985.

Birthdays today

Mr Colin Banks, 53; Sir Alastair Blair, 77; Air Marshal Sir Robert Craven, 69; Sir Robin Dunn, 67; Professor Sir Peter Hirsch, 60; Professor A. M. Hunter, 79; Miss Elizabeth Monroe, 80; Miss Nadine Peppard, 63; Mr K. H. Shackleton, 75; Professor Sir Frederick Stewart, 75; Lord Thomson of Monifieth, 64; Mr Vaizey, 47; Professor H. W. R. Wade, QC, 67; Mr Michael White, 51.



Prince Hiro of Japan (right), grandson of Emperor Hirohito, with David Driver (centre), head of design, and John Grimwade (left), head of graphics, in the course of a visit to The Times yesterday. The prince, aged 24, who is taking a two-year postgraduate course in English history at Oxford University, is second in line to the Japanese throne.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. L. Crawley and Miss M. L. Buckmaster

The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr Jonathan Crawley, of Queen's Gate Gardens, SW7, and the late Hon. Mrs John Warrender and Marie Louise, daughter of Mr Richard Buckmaster, of Radway, Warwickshire, and the late Mrs Jacqueline Buckmaster.

Mr I. M. Benning and Miss T. Keates

The engagement is announced between Ian, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. J. Benning, of Hayes, Middlesex, and Tracy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Keates, also of Hayes.

Mr S. M. Bladon and Miss R. A. D. Hall

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of the late Mr J. D. Bladon and of Mrs G. M. Bladon, of Beverley, Yorkshire, and Rebecca, elder daughter of Mrs and Mrs P. D. Hall, of Woughton-on-the-Green, Buckinghamshire.

Mr K. J. Faulkner and Miss J. L. Major

The engagement is announced between Kevin, second son of Mr and Mrs Tony Faulkner, of Jersey, Channel Islands, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Major, of Church Crookham, Hampshire.

Mr D. B. Franzén and Miss K. M. Grigsby

The engagement is announced between David Brian, son of Mr and Mrs R. S. Franzén, of Alexandria, Virginia, United States, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Grigsby, of Haxby, York.

A. R. Scrope and Miss S. G. Warde

The engagement is announced between Adrian Richard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Adrian Scrope, of Dullingham Ley, Newmarket, Suffolk, and Sandra Guthrie, only daughter of Mr Thomas Warde, of Beverly Hills, California, United States, and Mrs Prudence Warde, of Sun Valley, Idaho, United States.

Mr A. Georgiev and Miss S. J. Kirkpatrick

The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs C. Georgiev, of Los Angeles, California, and Susan Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. R. Kirkpatrick, of Scarborough.

Mr C. R. Gray and Miss J. Sarsfield

The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. A. Gray, of Calgary, Canada, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Sarsfield.

Mr N. J. Guthrie and Miss S. J. Abell

The engagement is announced between Nigel, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. S. Guthrie, of St Mary, Jersey, Channel Islands and Sarah Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Q. Abell, of Blockley, Gloucestershire.

Mr A. M. Hamilton and Miss A. M. Mellor

The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. H. Hamilton, of Manor Farm, Great Chesterford, Essex, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs V. G. Mellor, of Wanfield Hall, Kingstone, Staffordshire.

Mr J. P. Hayman and Miss J. C. Shorer

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs B. P. Hayman, of Woodford, Kettering, Northamptonshire, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs L. R. Shorer, of Chigwell, Essex.

Mr A. D. Kennedy and Miss A. Lewis

The engagement is announced between Duncan, son of Mr and Mrs A. R. Kennedy, of Pinkneys Green, Maidenhead, and Avril, daughter of Mrs L. Lewis and the late Mr Clyde Lewis, of Rhiwbina, South Wales.

Mr A. J. Leeder and Miss L. V. Foster

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs S. G. Leeder of Upminster, essex, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F Foster, of Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

Mr J. C. Mozley and Mevrouw E. Klinkert

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. D. Mozley, of Burgess Hill, Sussex, and Elleu, elder daughter of Dnr and Mw. F Linkert, of Beverwyk, The Netherlands.

Mr J. D. Prichard and Miss P. A. Bickerton

The engagement is announced between Jon, son of Mr and Mrs D. O. Prichard, of La Herradura, Spain, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Berkerton, of Mellor, Cheshire.

Mr B. C. Myers and Miss J. N. A. Hubble

The engagement is announced between Bruce, elder son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Myers, of Sydney, Australia, and Juliette, elder daughter of Mr H. R. O. Hubble, of Haslemere, Surrey, and Mrs M. E. Hubble, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr M. A. Ratcliffe and Miss S. M. Ward

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr A. J. Ratcliffe and the late Mrs L. M. Ratcliffe, of Felixstowe, Suffolk and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. V. Ward, of Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Mr A. B. Shaw and Miss N. F. Mackenzie

The engagement is announced between Andrew Baxter, elder son of Mr J. Shaw and the late Mrs Shaw, of Whitehaven, Cumbria, and Nicola Fay, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Roy Mackenzie, of Caldy, Wirral.

Mr R. P. Steele and Miss M. M. Farley

The engagement is announced between Patrick, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Robert Steele, of Broad Chalke, Salisbury, and Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Farley, of Morristown New Jersey.

Mr N. J. P. Wain and Miss R. Blissett

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. P. Wain, of Bretby, Derbyshire, and Rosemary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. W. Blissett, of Marlow Buckinghamshire.

Marriages

Mr A. J. L. Jacobs and Dr G. Lewis

The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, January 12, in London between Mr Alan Jacobs and Dr Gillian Lewis.

Mr I. Pears and Miss R. Harris

The marriage took place in Philadelphia on January 5, 1985, of Mr Iain Pears, son of Mr and Mrs G. D. Pears, 69 Kenilworth road, Coventry, and Miss Ruth Harris, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Harris, Laverock, *Philadelphia.*

Latest wills

Ruth Brueckman, of Manchester, left estate valued at £67,288 net. She left all her property to the St George's Fund for the care of orphan children of the police in northern counties of England and Wales and in Scotland.

Sir Francis Spencer Portal, of Ashe, Basingstoke, president of Portals Holdings, left £236,781 net.

Mr Alexander Lewis Raven, of Winchester, left £174,502 net. After personal bequests and effects he left half the residue to the National Rifle Association and a fourth of the residue each to the RSPCA and the National Children's Home.

Mr Frank Stanley Clarke Bridger, of Surbiton, left £1,894,500 net.

Mrs Norah Evelyn Smallwood, of Westminster, chairman and managing director of Chatto and Windus, the publishers, 1975-82, left estate valued at £329,652 net.

Mr John Harold Devine, of 8 Norwood Avenue, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, export services director, left estate valued at £118,700 net. He left personal legacies totalling £18,500, half the residue to the National Council for Civil Liberties, and a fourth of the residue each to St Vincent's Hospice, Liverpool, and St. Joseph's Hospice, Hackney, London.

Mr William Stuart Hamilton Paul, of Freston Suffolk, left estate valued at £949,296 net. He left his property to relatives.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Selby, Mrs Margaret Elizabeth, of Parkgate, Cheshire.....£420,749

Smith, Mr Anthony Edward, of Winchester, chartered accountant £406,947

Smith, Mr Frank, of Wilmslow £421,824

Ward, Mrs Norah Elizabeth, of Wickham, Hampshire.....£411,630

Wells, Mrs Olive Marie, of Norwich £284,788

Fairer, Mr Frederick Park, of Brighton, East Sussex £309,536

Rockliff, Mrs Maria De Las Mercedes, of Mossley Hill, Liverpool £782,386

Spalding, Dorothy, of Marchington, Staffordshire £603,136

Luncheons

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary

Sir Lawrence Byford, Chief Inspector of Constabulary, presided at the annual re-union luncheon of The Inspectorate of Constabulary held at New Scotland Yard yesterday. The principal guest was Mr Leon Britten, QC Secretary of State for the Home Department. Others present included:

Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State for the Home Department, Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir James Crane, Sir Brian Cubbon, Sir Kenneth Newman, Sir Eric St Johnston, Mr R S Barratt, Mr J H Brownlow, Mr J Dellow, Mr D H Halsey, Mr R M Harvey, Mr C V Hewitt, Mr P Kavanagh, Mr J T Manuel, Mr A Morrison, Mr P A Myers, Mr B N Pain, Mr M J Partridge, Mr L Pearce, Mr S E Peck, Miss P Sagsworth, Mr H Taylor, Mr S G Vassey, Mr B Weigh, Mr P J Westley, Mr C Wood and Mr J Woodcock.

Master Mariners' Company

The Master, Captain Oliver Elsom, presided at a luncheon given by the Master Mariners' Company on board HQS Wellington, Victoria Embankment, yesterday. Viscount Runciman of Doxford was the principal guest and speaker. Other guests included:

Dr D J Gerhard, Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint, the Prime Warden of the Shipwrights' Company, the Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, and Captain D T Smith, Elder Brother of Trinity House.

Dinners

HM Government

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a dinner given at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday *in honour of the Secretary-General* of the Council of Europe, Señor Marcelino Oreja.

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs and the High Officers of the Corporation of London with their ladies at dinner at the Mansion House yesterday. The other guests were: Sir Ralph and Lady Perring, Sir Lindsay and Lady Ring, Mr and Mrs Christian Jervis-Read, and *Mr Philip Traill.*

Royal Society of Medicine

Sir John Walton, president, accompanied by Lady Walton, presided at a dinner held after a meeting of council of the Royal Society of Medicine yesterday. The guest speaker was Sir Percy Cradock and among those present were Lady Cradock, Lord and Lady Porritt, Lord and Lady Smith, Sir John Stallworthy, and Sir James Watt.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

The annual dinner of the land agency and agriculture division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors was held at the Café Royal last night. Mr D. B. S. Fitch, president of the division, was in the chair and the other speakers were *Mr Michael Jopling*, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and *Mr R. B. Caws*, Crown Estate Commissioner.

Reception

Balfour Diamond Jubilee Trust and the Jewish Colonization Association

The Hon L. H. L. Cohen, President of the Jewish Colonization Association, was *host at a reception given* by the association and the Balfour Jubilee Trust at Skinners' Hall yesterday in honour of Dr Theodore Norman, of the Baron de Hirsch Fund.

Meeting

English-Speaking Union

Mr Robert Robinson was the guest of honour and speaker at a literary lecture arranged by the Leeds and District Branch of the English-Speaking Union held at the Leeds Club yesterday evening. Mrs Joan *Peters, branch chairman*, presided and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr David Pullan.

School news

Belfast Royal Academy

The bicentenary celebrations will begin in February. There will be a varied programme of events, including a series of reunions for former pupils. Further information is available now from the Bicentenary Office, Belfast Royal Academy, Belfast BT14 6JL. (Telephone: (0232) 747865).

Berkhamsted School

Lent Term begins today. The head of school is W. M. Rawding, deputy head J. J. Taylor. The captain of boats is B. P. Easson, captain of cross country T. McCarthy, captain of fives P. A. Brown, captain of squash R. J. Aynsley and the captain of hockey is still to be decided. The junior school entrance examinations will be held on February 23 and the Edward Penny Scholarship examination on March 5. Greenes House performs *One Way Pendulum* on March 7 and 8 and the junior school *Robin Hood* on March 20 and 21. The OB games day is on March 9. *Carmina Burana* will be performed on March 26. Term ends on March 29. The OB dinner will be in Deans' Hall on April 19.

Farringtons School

Spring Term at Farringtons School begins today. Mandy Foreman, Fiona Smith and Sara Dashwood continue as head girls. Speech Day will be held in Bromley Civic Centre at 7pm on Friday February 8, when Mr D. B. Tranter, Methodist Colleges and Schools, will be the guest speaker. The confirmation service will be conducted by the Bishop of Rochester on Friday March 22 at 11.30am. Term ends on March 26.

Caterham School

Spring Term began yesterday. A. S. Barber is captain of hockey and senior prefect. Old Caterhamians' Day is Sunday March 24. Faure's *Requiem* and Beethoven's First Symphony will be *performed on* March 25. A Challenge of Industry Conference will be held for the sixth form. Term ends March 29.

Clifton College

Lent Term at Clifton College begins today. M. S. Morjaria (School House) is head of school. Mr A. C. Record takes up his appointment as Registrar. Confirmation by the Bishop of Malmesbury will be on Sunday March 3. A performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah* will be given at the Colston Hall on Wednesday March 20, in conjunction with the choral societies of Badminton School and Clifton High School. Exeat is from February 17 to 19 (inclusive) and term ends on March 27. The O. C. reunion will be held on May 11-12 for those born between 1935 and 1941.

Fulneck Boys' School

Lent Term begins today and ends on March 27. The Fifth Form Careers Convention will be on March 15, old boys' rugby match on Sunday March 17 and the musical evening on March 26.

Rendcomb College

Lent Term began on Sunday January 13. Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly has retired as chairman of governors and the new chairman is Mr Torquil Norman. A *London O. R.* dinner will be held on Thursday January 31, and the O. R. hockey matches will be played on Saturday March 23. Term ends on Sunday March 31.

University news

Oxford

Elections

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE: To junior research fellowships: economics: Miss Margaret A Mayer, BA (Harvard) MPhil (Cambridge), Stanford University; classics: S J Harrison, BA, Balliol College, Oxford; G D Coughlan, BSc (University of Australia), Rhodes scholar of Trinity College, Oxford.

Fereday fellowship in chemistry: A Harrison, BA, senior scholar and former open scholar of St John's College, Oxford; Norris senior scholarship, physics: A J Turberfield, BA (Cambridge), St John's College, Oxford; international relations: Donald B G Hauser BA, MA (London), St Antony's College, Oxford.

ST HILDA'S COLLEGE: Tutorship in politics and official fellowship: Mrs Mary McAuley, MA, DPhil, senior lecturer in department of government and director of centre for Russian and Soviet studies, Essex University; supernumerary fellowship: Lady Dainton, MA, PhD (Camb.), Lecturership in English (Hilary Term 1986). M H S Thackeray, MA, DPhil.

Cambridge

Dr R. A. Carley, of Rochester University, New York (Munby fellow for 1985/86) has been elected into a visiting fellowship of Darwin College.

Glasgow

Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following:

D.Litt: George Mackay Brown, author and poet; James Edward Meade, emeritus professor of political economy, Cambridge University.

LL.D: Mohamed Ibrahim Dakrouri, economist, chairman of MISR America International Bank and member, Egyptian Parliament; Angus McFarlane McLeod, Grossart, managing director, Noble Grossart merchant bankers; Graham John Hills, principal and vice-chancellor, Strathclyde University; The Rev Johnston Reid McKay, assessor of Glasgow University General Council on the University Court; Thomas Neilson Risk, governor, Bank of Scotland; James Sutherland, president, International Bar Association; David Walton, chairman and joint managing director, Scottish Metropolitan Property Company.

D.Sc: Fergus William Campbell, professor of Neurosensory physiology, Cambridge University; Thomas Stevens Stevens, emeritus professor of chemistry, Sheffield University.

Sheffield

Dr Robert Handscombe took up the post of director of the Commercial and Industrial Development Bureau on January 1.

Southampton

The people of Guernsey have given £100,000 to the university's medical school, matching last year's gift of the same amount by Jersey. The money will be used for a five-year medical research fellowship.

Exeter

Dr J. A. Bryant, MA, PhD (*Cantab*), reader in plant biochemistry, University College, Cardiff, has been appointed to the chair in biological sciences (cell science) from September 1.

Keele

Mr Philip K. Boden, senior lecturer at Keele and chairman of the board of social sciences, has been appointed head of the department of education from January 1.

Essex

Grants

Economic and Social Research Council: £190,720 to Professor H. Newby for an Economics and Social Research Council data archive.

Agricultural and Food Research Council: £67,244 to Dr N. R. Baker to study the significance and mechanism of photo-inhibition of photosynthesis.

Wellcon Foundation: $49,000 to Mr D. J. Fisher for an industrial research fellowship.

OXFORD AWARDS

S. B. Enderson, mathematics exhibitioner of Exeter College, was at Bexley Grammar School, not Bewley Grammar School as stated in yesterday's list of Oxford college awards.

Church news

Bishop to retire

The Bishop Suffragan of Croydon, the Right Rev Stuart Snell, aged 64, is to retire soon on medical advice. He is responsible for an area of 102 parishes in the diocese of Southwark.

Appointments

The Rev T Thompson, Rector of Colchester, St James and Rural Dean of Colchester, diocese of Chelmsford, to be also a non-Residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral.

Canon R E Tostevin, Rector of Woodchurch, Rural Dean of Birkenhead and an Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral, diocese of Chester, to be Rector of the united benefice of Somerton with Compton Dundon, The Charltons and Kingsdon, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev M A Trinham, Assistant Curate of St Luke's, Stanmore, Winchester, diocese of Winchester, to the united benefice of Abbots Ann and Upper Clatford and Goodworth Clatford, same diocese.

The Rev D F Towers, Vicar of Chatteris and Rural Dean of March, diocese of Ely, to be also an Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev P J Walter, Curate of Ss Peter and Paul, Leominster, diocese of Hereford, to be Priest-in-charge of St George, Orleton, and St Michael, Brimfield, same diocese.

The Rev C F Wilkinson, Vicar of St John, Cambridge, diocese of Ely, to be also an Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral.

The Rev G D Watkins, Vicar of St Martin-within-Ludgate, London, and Priest Vicar of Westminster Abbey, to be also a Priest-in-Ordinary to the Queen.

The Rev Wilbur Vicar of Galleywood and Rural Dean of Chelmsford, diocese of Chelmsford, to be also a non-Residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral.

The Rev J S Holland, Assistant Curate of Swanage and Studland, diocese of Salisbury, to be Priest-in-charge of Handley with Pentridge, same diocese.

The Rev N R C Peerless, Curate of Plymstock, diocese of Exeter, to be Priest-in-charge of St Philip's, Weston Mill, Plymouth, same diocese.

The Ven E G Ward, LVO, formerly Archdeacon of Sherborne and Rector, West Stafford with Frome Billet, diocese of Salisbury, to be Archdeacon Emeritus and Canon Emeritus of Salisbury Cathedral.

The Rev G F Warner, Rector of Caludon Team Ministry in the Stoke and Wyken area of Coventry, diocese of Coventry, to be also an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral, same diocese.

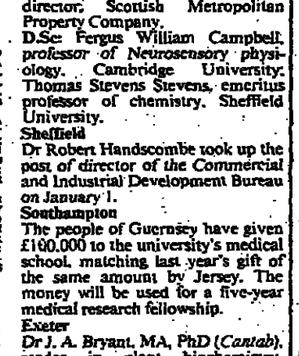
Other appointment:

Deaconess I Frith, formerly licensed to St Paul's, Truro, and retired from the stipendiary ministry at the end of 1984, to be Truro Diocesan Lay Ministry Adviser and licensed to St Mary's, Truro.

Resignation:

Rev R A Wallington, Rector of Langtree, diocese of Exeter, to retire on January 31.

Latest appointments



Mr Bruce McGowan, aged 60, Headmaster of Haberdashers' Aske's School, who is to be chairman of the Headmasters' Conference for 1985 in succession to Mr David Emms, Master of Dulwich College.

Other appointments include:

Sir Francis Tombs, aged 60, Chairman of Turner and Newall, chairman of the Engineering Council from May 1 for a three year period, in succession to Sir Kenneth Corfield, chairman and chief executive of Standard Telephones and Cables.

Mr Andrew Chinneck, aged 42, chief executive of Community Industry, to be chief executive of the Youth Hostels Association, a new appointment.

Dame Mary Warnock, and Lord Young of Darlington to be members of the board of *New Society*.

Dr John Roylance, consultant radiologist, to be district general manager to the Bristol and Western Health Authority.

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Science report

Insight into regrowth of limbs

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The ability to replace extremities, from fingers and toes to complete limbs, comes from great advances in microsurgery. Ten years ago such operations would have been impossible.

Until recently it was accepted that if a human being or any other mammal lost a limb, then it had gone for good. Nevertheless, there are some creatures, particularly amphibians, which can regrow them.

Why some species are able to regenerate lost parts has been a subject of intense research for decades. If the mechanism was known, it might be possible to simulate the same regrowth in people who have lost a limb, or perhaps even replace damaged or diseased organs by regeneration.

There is a theory that regrowth is regulated by some specific biochemicals, which are released locally at the site of injuries or at the appropriate time in the early development of a person or animal.

Years of research have failed to reveal a biochemical candidate, until now.

An investigation by Dr Malcolm Maden and Dr Denis Summerbell, at the National Institute for Medical Research in north London, has identified a class of chemical, the retinoids, which show many of the properties needed for controlling growth.

The research is a collaborative venture involving more than 20 scientists from teaching hospitals and university departments in London and Birmingham.

Details of the findings are contained in the institute's report on research for 1984. The discovery of retinoids comes from applying advances in modern biological methods to the question of the development of animals.

In this way an explanation is emerging of a phenomenon which was observed at the turn of the century. Then it was noticed, for example, that amphibians such as gnewts could regrow a lost wrist or hand.

Dr Maden's studies show that when the correct amount of retinoic acid is added to the water in which amphibians are living then regrowth can be controlled. In fact the limb will not just grow as a new wrist and a new hand, but it can produce a complete new arm or leg.

This effect of retinoic acid provides support for the theory that when the chemical is in correct amounts at that part of the body where cells called limb buds are present, regrowth takes place. As the limb grows longer, the chemical defuses outwards and so the concentration gets less.

So a high concentration is needed for the development of a shoulder but a lower concentration to form an elbow and then a lower arm, a wrist or a hand.

OBITUARY

LORD ALLEN OF FALLOWFIELD

Leading trade union figure

Lord Allen of Fallowfield, CBE, who died on January 14 at the age of 70, was chairman of the Trades Union Congress in 1973-4, a period of office which coincided with the miners' strike and the fall of the Heath administration in February 1974. He was a key figure both in the negotiations that surrounded the strike and in the drawing up of the concordat between the incoming Labour government, which brought the dispute and the emergency three-day working week to an end.

Known throughout the trade union movement as Alf Allen, he was general secretary of the Union of Shop, Distributive & Allied Workers (USDAW) from 1962, to 1979.

Born on July 7, 1914, Allen left grammar school at 16 to work at the local co-operative society, becoming a full-time union official after wartime service with the RAF, a national officer of USDAW in 1951, and general secretary 11 years later.

A cricketing enthusiast – he played twice for the Gloucestershire minor side – he was a mainstay for many years of the TUC team in their annual match against the industrial correspondents.

In spite of USDAW's size – its membership grew to over 400,000 under his stewardship – it is not, by its nature, an industrially powerful union. Nevertheless, he created an influential position for himself as a statesman of the trade union movement, mainly through the general council of the TUC. An expert and indefatigable committee man, he played a leading role in negotiations with both Conservative and Labour governments over their various incomes policies from the mid-1960s.

By temperament and philosophy he was ideally suited to this role. He was perhaps happier in the corridors of Whitehall than in Trafalgar Square, and he was an early and consistent advocate of incomes policy as a way of bringing order out of the chaos of free collective bargaining. As the leader of a low-paid workers he frequently criticised the inequitable distribution of incomes that arose from "free for all" wage bargaining, arguing that the socialist objective of a planned economy could not be achieved if incomes were not also subject to the planning process.

A highly-respected member of the National Economic Development Council, he was one of the first to argue that it should become the forum for working out new policies to tackle inflation and unemployment between unions, employers and the government. He insisted that problems could not be overcome if these key elements were intent on ignoring each other.

As a TUC diplomatist, he had a keen awareness both of the status of the trade union movement within the nation's power structure, and of its rights and responsibilities. Although he was an outspoken critic of trade union shortcomings, he was genuinely appalled by the Conservative government's 1971 Industrial Relations Act, which he saw as a clumsy intrusion into matters best left to employers and trade unions. In protest he resigned his part-time membership of the National Incomes Commission, a body in which he had invested much hope as the engine of improvement in industrial relations.

A moderate, although he liked to describe himself as "slightly left of centre" his opposition to legally-imposed union reform was not negotiable. His evidence, for example, to the Donovan Royal Commission on Trade Unions and Employers' Associations presented an extremely tough line, arguing for the imposition of the closed shop wherever a simple majority of workers within an office, shop or factory chose to join a union.

Like many of his generation of union leaders he was, however, not at all deterred by the apparent inconsistency between his insistence that the law should be excluded from industrial relations while at the same time urging that union recruitment and organisational ambitions should be given legal backing.

Among his other public activities Lord Allen was a member of the British Airports Authority 1976-82 and of the Committee on Enforcement Powers, Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise Departments. He was chairman of the TUC's Economic Committee, 1975-79, and a Governor of the BBC 1976-82.

He was appointed CBE in 1967 and created a Life Peer in 1974.

He married, in 1941, Ruby Millicent Hounsell and they had one son and one daughter.

MISS VERA LENNOX

Vera Lennox, the actress, who has died aged 80, had a spirited charm that graced many musical comedies – as they were then – and lighter straight plays in the West End between the wars.

She made several appearances with Leslie Henson, helping the comic-romantic side in characters with such names as Effie Dix, Kitty Wren, and Bonnie Reeves while the master of nonsense traced his own fantastic patterns.

Born at Thornton Heath in November 1904, she had youthful experience and when 15 took over the child Amelia in Ian Hay's *Tilly of Bloomsbury*, touring in the same part during 1921 she was with Gladys Cooper in Maeterlinck's *The Betrothal*.

But she found her place as a comedienne – singer-dancer when she began in *The Cabaret Girl* (1922) her work in the sequence of Winter Garden musicals that continued through *The Beauty Prize*, *Tonight's the Night* (revival), *Primrose*, *Tell Me More*, and *Kid Boots*.

Her first important straight part was in Anne à *Anne, One Hundred* at the Savoy (1927), and that November she went on to *Dr Sally*, with the American actor Ernest True, in Wodehouse's comedy *Good Morning, Bill!*, a part she repeated in London after seven years.

She made a New York debut (1931) as Susie in Priestley's *The Good Companions*; and on returning had for some years a seldom interrupted series of parts, either in London or, on various occasions in provincial pantomime.

In 1934 and 1936 she appeared for Nancy Price in the Chinese play, *Lady Precious Stream* (after the war she was in the same play at Regent's Park). She acted in a brief 1935 revival of *The Co-Optimists* and, for Nancy Price again (Playhouse 1938), Sybil in *The Shoemaker's Holiday*.

Vera Lennox packed a good deal into her career, including much radio and, in earlier years, work for *The Midnight Follies* at the Hotel Metropole.

BRIG-GEN T. PELCZYNSKI

Brigadier-General Tadeusz Pelczynski, who died in London on January 3 at the age of 92, was Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Underground Army (AK) under General Bor-Komorowski and also its Chief-of-Staff between 1941-44. He took an active part in the Warsaw uprising of 1944 and was wounded in action.

After the uprising he was a prisoner of war, together with General Bor-Komorowski, in Colditz. On liberation he was appointed chef de cabinet of the C-in-C of the Polish Armed Forces in London and later Chairman of the Historical Commission of the Polish Underground Army.

In 1947 he founded The Polish Underground Movement Study Trust and was its chairman during the years 1947-1982. He was chief editor of an important reference work published by the Trust in the Polish language – *The Polish Underground Army in Documents 1939-1945*.

Earlier, he had a long and distinguished career in the Polish Army; in 1915 he joined the Pilsudski Legion which fought for the independence of Poland and after the Polish State was established in 1918 he held various military posts. Between the years 1927-1931 and 1935-1939 he was chief of Polish Military Intelligence.

SIR ROBERT MAYER

A correspondent writes:

It should be noted that Sir Robert Mayer was not co-founder of the London Symphony Orchestra as stated in yesterday's obituary but of the London Philharmonic orchestra.

Similarly in recent years he was chairman and later President of the World Youth Orchestra of the Jeunesses Musicales and not as was noted of the BBC orchestra.

However in 1974 the BBC did take over the Children's Concerts which are currently in their 62nd season.

Lady Westrup, widow of Sir Jack Westrup, musicologist and formerly Heather Professor of Music in the University of Oxford, died on December 30 at the age of 66. She was Solweig Maria, daughter of Musikdirektor Per Johan Rösell, of Sweden, and she was married in 1938. Her husband died in 1975.

Commander David Wentworth Malim, who died on January 8 at the age of 70 was a naval engineer who after his retirement from the service was Joint Managing Director of Elliot Space & Weapon Automation Ltd, 1962-70, and Chairman of Marconi Space and Defence Systems Ltd, 1970-78.

Commodore John Peter Dobson, CBE, DSC, RD, who died on January 7 at the age of 83 had been Commodore of Convoys during the war, a responsibility which included the Normandy landings, and was from 1961 to 1962 Master of the Empress of Canada (Flagship of Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd).

Mrs Joyce Meekins, MBE, who died on January 7, was formerly head of the children's department at the national headquarters of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, and in 1974 became general secretary of the Children's Country Holidays Fund.

THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

British Aerospace floats into GEC's orbit

The Government's decision to sell its remaining 48 per cent. shareholding in British Areospace is prompted by its need for money. State asset sales are also in accord with policy. The more interesting question is whether the final clearance of BAe implies any change of attitude toward a merger of BAe with the only conceivable partner, GEC.

When BAe is entirely in private hands the Government intends to keep a golden share: a simple device for vetoing a change of ownership of which it does not approve. However, Norman Lamont went on record last summer with statements that the Government would not stand in the way of Thorn EMI, which made the first, highly opportunistic, move to take over BAe, or GEC, whose subsequent talks with BAe came to a frosty nothing.

The arguments for putting GEC and BAe together are as strong, if not stronger, than they were six months ago. Though the Office of Fair Trading would raise an eyebrow and the Ministry of Defence a scream, the fact remains that in space and avionics, viewed as the world market it is, GEC and BAe in tandem would be a more powerful vehicle: the sum of their separate efforts is much less.

Furthermore, despite its successes, BAe still does not appear to be progressing as fast or as far as it could. The nationalised industry spirit has not gone from the bottle. Disharmony between Sir Raymond Lygo, whose several strengths as managing director have to be set against his fondness for qualitative judgements, and major *colleagues is another drag.*

For GEC the casting off of BAe provides both time and encouragement for further thought. Lord Weinstock, who now has James Prior to preside over his brooding, would undoubtedly like to take over BAe, but not at a fancy price. He has gambled on BAe shares coming back to around the 300p level, which so far they have not done.

There is, however, still considerable unease about BAe's performance and prospects in civil aircraft and the degree to which the Government is prepared to go in support. By the autumn, when the market will have long absorbed the spring sale and the proposed rights issue, the BAe picture will be much clearer.

It may be that Lord Weinstock is prepared to wait until then, before deciding whether he wants to become a national hero by putting GEC's huge cash resources into buying BAe and refuelling the British air and space industries.

Robert Maxwell wheels and deals

The remoulding of Fleet Street was given another intriguing spin of the potter's wheel yesterday when the ever-active Robert Maxwell sold his 15 per cent stake in Fleet Holdings, the *Daily* and *Sunday Express* and *Daily Star* group, to United Newspapers. United, is a significant force in the provincial newspaper market and owns such titles as *Punch* and Exchange and Mart.

United has been expending aggressively since David Stevens became chairman in 1981. Its interest in Fleet, now totalling more than 18 per cent after a previously undisclosed holding is included, marks the arrival of a potentially powerful new player on the national newspaper stage. But the £30 million deal raises further questions about Maxwell's strategy, it gives him 4.5 per cent of United.

Yesterday's formal statements were necessarily bland. Graham Wilson, a director of United described the Fleet stake as "a long-term investment in a publishing house with a fine reputation, with activities very compatible with our own". He would not comment on the possibility of United's making a full bid for Fleet and brushed the fact that his company paid 230p a share, 20p more than Fleet's market price at the start of dealings yesterday.

United's present newspaper interests would ensure that any bid for Fleet would have to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. United could put up a reasonable case on the grounds that it has no national title in its stable and would not be reducing the level of competition. Fleet's provincial chain, in the west country, does not overlap with United's.

Mr Maxwell explained that he had bought the Fleet stake last year because he intended to make a bid. Then he bought the Mirror group and "since it is not possible for me to acquire both groups it was only natural that we should wish to dispose of the holding".

He added that United was "a brilliantly led and rapidly expanding group and we are happy to have a relatively small stake".

While it is true that Mr *Maxwell* would not have been allowed to own both Fleet and the *Mirror*, his subsequent motive in retaining the Fleet shares was to have a say in whoever did try to bid for that company. The latest deal makes sense only if Mr Maxwell obtains a material influence over United.

Just as United can plead a plausible case for buying Fleet, so Mr Maxwell could argue that his taking over United would not impair competition. Why, then, did he take £20 million of the £30 million in cash rather than United shares? His adopted course will help to allay fears and he may reckon on adding to his stake at lower prices later.

Mr Maxwell's statements over the weekend indicated that he is interested in raising cash at the moment. He faces a huge redundancy bill at the *Mirror* if he is to implement the cost-cutting programme he has outlined. The proposed flotation of the *Mirror*'s Scottish titles would partly help to finance this. The signs are that Mr Maxwell has completed a period of consolidation and is about to make further strategic moves towards his dream of an international media empire.

Pound critical, but in a stable condition

There were no disasters in the markets for the Bank of England yesterday and that in itself is a blessing. The pound stabilized rather than bounced with joy after Monday's tepid reception to the authorities' weekend conversion to what it hoped would be seen as decisive action.

The sterling index edged up half a point to 71.3 helped by easing US interest rates. The sterling/dollar and sterling/mark rates strengthened in London, weakened again when New York's atavistic chartist dealers loped to their desks, then recovered to a respectable extent.

So far, so good. On the other hand, the London three-month interbank rate firmed early only to end at 12 ⅛ per cent still the wrong side of 12 per cent base rates.

There has been little sign so far either of direct Bank of England intervention in the exchange markets or of crafty manipulation of the gilt-edged market to improve the January money figures, which will be made up from today's banking returns.

The latter would have required some pretty naked fudging, which the Bank of England appears to have eschewed in favour of longer-term domestic credibility rather than addressing itself to the overseas gut-reaction men. There were possibilities.

Some of the new £800 million long tap stock could have been sold to the jobbers at a discount for spot cash, thus beating the deadline. Or the Bank could have resold some of the Treasury 15 per cent stock 1985, which it has bought up in quantity for redemption, in exchange for some quick dividend-stripping, since the stock goes ex dividend today. Perhaps sober propriety is the best policy. We shall see.

On the foreign exchange side, the Hammer Films school of dealers were looking for a determined bear squeeze, whereby the Bank of England could drive up both the pound and overnight money rates by buying spot sterling and matching this with forward sales at little risk to the reserves. This weapon could be used with more equanimity after bank's monthly make-up day, so is still available.

For the moment, the authorities still seem to be looking at the possibility of concerted intervention against the dollar emerging from the Washington meeting of finance ministers, which starts tomorrow. The US interest rate cut shaved some American goodwill although this still seems to place excessive confidence in, on the one hand, American judgement that the dollar is too high and on the other hand on German generousity of spirit in the face of our refusal to join in their market operations.

If the Bank wants to act this week, it might do better to bite the bullet and impose its own bear squeeze on the back of the Chancellor's Commons speech.

Opec price warning as British N Sea oil output soars

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Confirmation that Britain's oil production from the North Sea is now running at record levels has coincided with a new warning from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries that a downward spiral of *world oil prices led by Britain* or Norway could hit North Sea investment plans.

The Department of Energy has yet to confirm preliminary output from the North Sea during November, but information on production from platforms in the British sector during December shows a record average production of *2.68 million barrels a day.*

In Opec's annual report for 1983, just published, the acting General Secretary, Dr Fadhil Al-Chalabi, said there was a limit to the degree of sacrifice Opec members could be expected to make.

"Now that oil producing countries outside the Opec areas are ecquiring increasing shares of the market, they too must bear a part of the burden of ensuring that the stability which has been restored at such a high cost to *Opec is maintained,"* he said.

Dr Al-Chalabi added that the steadily riding value of the US dollar increased the cost of imported energy to most West European countries.

"Secondly, some consumer governments raised taxes of oil imports and the sale of oil products to the final consumer; and thirdly, a part of the benefit accruing from the Opec price reduction was absorbed by the oil companies in the form of higher profits per barrel", he said.

Prices on the world oil spot markets continue to show a slight improvement as the weather in Western Europe worsens, but in the longer term prices for oil products for delivery in the summer continue to fall.

The fall in future product prices, coupled with the crude oil price reduction now being implemented by Norway and, on an unofficial basis, by Britain, is increasing speculation among oil traders that Opec will be forced to announce a new price structure which effectively cuts prices.

Pressure on Mexico, the world's fourth largest oil producer, behind Saudia Arabia and ahead of Britain, and, although not a member an adherent of Opec policies, is now coming from the US.

Bids for Mexican Maya crude are now being submitted at $2 a barrel below the Opec marker price of $29 and at the level which traders expect Opec to move to.

Opec has already indicated, through Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi Arabian oil minister, that the $29 a barrel marker price could be cut provided none of the other producers – effectively meaning Britain and Norway, as Mexico, Egypt, Brunei and Malaysia already follow Opec policies and the US and the Soviet Union use their resources to meet internal demand – repeat their recent undercutting of official price levels which would undermine the new Opec price.

In a statement, the Arab states whithin Opec said: "Cheaper oil could usher back the era of profligate consumption and could set back the development of alternative energy sources. Thus the stage could be set for a future energy crisis harming all."

Share deal for Dunlop chiefs

By Ian Griffiths

Sir Michael Edwardes, chairman of Dunlop Holdings, and his two key executive directors have been granted a potentially lucrative share option scheme as an incentive from the group's banks to restore the company's fortunes.

The banks have granted the three men options on more than 47 million shares, 5 per cent of the enlarged equity proposed in the financial reconstruction package unveiled yesterday, at a price of 14p exercisable in three annual instalments commencing January 1987.

Sir Michael has options on more than 20 million shares *and for every 5p the Dunlop* share price rises above the 14p option price he stands to make a paper profit of £1 million.

These shares will form part of the banks' holding under the proposed reconstruction. The Dunlop Shareholders Association had suggested that Sir Michael should assign these options to small shareholders but he said yesterday that this would have been legally impossible.



Sir Michael: annual salary of £156,000.

He will also collect an annual salary of £156,000 and will also be able to participate in the company's executive share option scheme which is being established.

The document outlining the reconstruction which must be *approved by shareholders at an* extraordinary general meeting on February 8 also reveals that Dunlop paid £878,538 to the former directors who left the company on Sir Michael's arrival.

There was little in the way of encouragement in the £142 million package for small shareholders. Their holdings will be diluted to only 15 per cent but they could increase this to about 63 per cent if they participate in full in the 15-for-seven rights issue at 14p and the open offer to purchase half the new ordinary shares which will be issued to the banks.

The rights issue will raise £43 million and the banks will convert *£70 million of* their debt into equity – £40 million in new shares and £30 million by way of redeemable preference shares. The banks will have the minimum 15 per cent stake in Dunlop. Another £29 million will be raised through a placing with institutions again at 14p.

There will inevitalbly be substantial rationalization of the group's activities over the *next year, Sir Michael said,* but he hoped that job losses would not be drastic.

Clausen to seek UK support

By Michael Prest
Financial Correspondent

Mr A. W. "Tom" Clausen, president of the World Bank, is to make a flying visit to London today as part of a last-ditch effort to save the bank's initiative for a $1 billion (£892 million) special fund for Africa.

The bank considers rritish support for the plan to be vital. But when Mr Clausen meets Sir Geoffrey Howe, the foreign secretary, today, he will not be comforted. Government sources said yesterday that they support the fund in principle *but are most unlikely to make a* direct contribution.

Time is running out for the bank, which has called a donors' meeting to discuss the proposal in Paris on January 31 and February 1. The United States will not participate in the fund, and Japan and Germany have indicated great reluctance.

The need for a special fund starting in the financial year 1985/86 was first mooted last year by a hard-hitting bank report on Africa. The report recommended that structural adjustment loans be made to assist and induce African governments to make policy changes. The $6 billion originally envisaged was cut to $2 billion and then to the present $1 billion as resistance emerged.

British officials stress that they are willing to cooperate with a special Africa fund within their limited budget. One suggestion which will be discussed today is the use of bilateral British aid to support the fund.

But bank officials are unsure how British bilateral assistance can be compatible with the structural adjustment policy. They point out that Britain's contribution would be only $5-10 million in the first year.

Former Mirror man to join Guinness publishing

By Our City Staff

Mr Roger Bowes who relinquished his post as managing director of Mirror Group Newspapers at New Year is to join Arthur Guinness & Sons to head its publishing division. It is understood that he will soon become managing director of Guinness Enterprises which runs the publishing activities well-known for its *Guinness Book of Records.*

Publishing is one of the four core businesses which Guinness has defined as a source of future growth.

Yesterday Guinness announced record pretax profits af £70.4 million up from £58.8 million for the year to September 30.

Brewing still accounts for about 90 per cent of group profits. In both Britain and Ireland sales of draught Guinness increased backed by extensive marketing and promotion and a new advertising campaign will be launched in the spring.

Total turnover increased from £872.4 million to £923.7 million. This will be boosted in the current year by the integration of the Martin The Newsagent chain and by the recently acquired 7-Eleven convenience retail stores which will be expanded during the year.

A final dividend of 4.62p makes 6.44p for the year against 5.7555p last time.

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Sales rise by a third at Burton

By Cliff Feltham

Shares in The Burton Group, the Top Shop, Dorothy Perkins, and Peter Robinson clothing chain, climbed 8p to 440p on the stock market yesterday as Mr Ralph Halpern, the chairman, told shareholders that sales so far this year were running 33 per cent higher than a year ago.

Mr Halpen, who announced the rise at the company's annual meeting in London, said later the increase exceeded the board's own forecasts. He said he was not concerned about the prospect of higher interest rates choking off the high street spending boom. "We've lived with higher interest rates over the years and our own budjets have taken this into account," he said. The rise in sales had been evenly spread between the group's menswear and womenswear business.

Mr Halpern said Burton, which recently broke a record when it opened its 1,000th store, was planning to spend £75 million this year on opening 150 new stores, including 50 Principles, the fashion chain launched last September for women

There are at present 20 Principles but the group's aim is to expand this to around 200 over the next three years. The group hopes to reach a decision by the end of this month on plans to open Principles stores for men. If so, an experimental site would be found. In the meantime it was looking closely at new franchising possibilities

Last year Buton made a pretax profit of £56.4 million, an increase of 44 per cent, boosting the pay of the chairman to £348,000 making him the second highest paid executive in Britain.

With analysts predicting that the group will make around £76 million to £80 million this year, Mr Halpen stands to earn around £500,000.

IN BRIEF

Sterling improves

The pound gained 1.05 cents to $1.1210 yesterday, as speculative pressure eased. The sterling index rose 0.5 to 71.3 as the pound rose against most currencies, including a 1.8 pfennig improvement to DM3.5640 against the mark.

Interest rates in the money markets eased on sterling's improved performance, the three-month interbank rate closing at 12 5/16 to 12 4/16 per cent, compared with the new base rate level of 12 per cent.

Dealers said that the pound was helped by news of prime rate cuts from 10.75 to 10.5 per cept by Chase Manhattan Bank and Citibank. There was profit-taking in dollars on the news of a 0.1 per cent drop in US retail sales last month, although the announcement of a 0.6 per cent rise in industrial production partly offset this.

New chairman



Sir Francis Tombs, (above), chairman or the Turner & Newall engineering company and a former chairman of the Electricity Council of England and Wales, is the new chairman of the Engineering Council. He takes over on May 1.

Kenning fall

Kenning Motor Group's pre-tax profits in the year to September 30 declined 36 per cent to £7.5 million, but the total dividend was maintained at 6.5p net.

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The Institute of Directors urged the Chancellor yesterday not to be deflected from his tax-cutting objectives by the sterling crisis. It called for £2.5 billion of Budget tax cuts, including 1 point off the basic rate and 5p off higher rates of income tax, the abolition of capital transfer tax and the raising of the value-added-tax threshold from £18,700 to £50,000. The institute urged a further round of public spending cuts.

TSB account

TSB England & Wales has launched a business account aimed mainly at small and medium-sized businesses. It includes a cheque account, deposit facility and overdraft facility.

US output up

American industrial production last month rose a seasonally adjusted 0.6 per cent, according to the Federal Reserve Board. The increase came after a rise of 0.4 per cent in November and a revised decline of 0.3 per cent in October.

Commercial Bank of Wales announces that its Base Rate was increased to 10½% on 11th January and 12% on 14th January, 1985 until further notice
Interest payable on Demand Deposit Accounts will be at the rate of 9¼% per annum

Commercial Bank of Wales PLC
BANC MASNACHOL CYMRU
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Allied Irish Banks
announces that with effect from close of business on 15th January 1985 its Base Rate was increased to 12% p.a.
Head Office — Britain:
64/66 Coleman Street, London EC2R 5AL

Savings rates may rise

A new threat to building societies, putting more upward pressure on mortgage rates, is almost certain to come from the Department for National Savings before the end of this month.

National Savings is facing the possibility of massive with*drawals of about £500 million* as its nineteenth issue certificate matures from February 4. The department will have to raise some of its savings rates to hold on to the money.

The nineteenth issue, launched in February 1980, was the most successful savings certificate ever sold. It brought in a record £2 billion over 15 months and the first tranches worth £500 million are now coming up for maturity

Althgh National Savings is on course to reach its £3 billion funding target there are only two months left before its year ends. It cannot, therefore, afford to lose substantial deposits

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	961.8(+12.5)
FT- A All Share	n/a
FT Govt Securities	79.97(+0.06)
FT-SE 100	1233.2(+12.7)
Bargains	29,573
Datastream USM	104.31(−0.12)
New York	
Dow Jones	1233.99(−0.55)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	n/a
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1331.00(−27.06)
Amsterdam:	190.3(+2.4)
Sydney: AO	734.8(+0.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1137.7(+6.9)
Brussels:	
General	151.26(−5.94)
Paris: CAC	189.9(+0.2)
Zurich:	
SKA General	333.40(+1.60)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $302.50pm-$301.80
close $302.50-$303.00
New York: $303.50
Comex (latest)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

W. G. Allen	38 +13
Sumrie	80 +15
Biomechanics Int	13 +2
Consultants (C&F)	52 +8
Blue Arrow	173 +25
Resource Technology	37 +5
H. P Bulmer	149 +20
Pineapple Dance St	71 +8
Espley Trust	18 +2
Milford Docks	47 +5
Ass Newspapers	588 +60
Sunleigh Electrical	10 +1
Nova (Jersey) Knit	32 +3
Rugby Portland Cem	139½ +12
LCP Hldgs	119 +9
Daily Mail & Gen Tr "A"	1015 +75
Daily Mail & Gen Tr	1025 +75
Empire Stores	102 +8
Fleet Stores	226 +16
Senior Eng	22½ +1½
Breengreen Hldgs	53 +3

FALLS:

Reardon Smith	16 −2
Nu-Swift Inds	59 −5
Selecty	12 −1
Reardon Smith "A"	6½ −½
Woodhouse & Rixon	20 −1½
CML Microsystems	225 −15

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.1210 (+0.0105)
£: DM 3.5640 (+0.0180)
£: SwFr 3.0140 (+0.0430)
£: FFr 10.9185 (+0.0645)
£: Yen 285.30 (+1.70)
£ Index: 71.3 (+0.5)

New York:
£: $1.1190
$: DM 3.1897
$ Index: 146.7 (unchanged)
ECU £0.623813
SDR £0.864814

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 12%
3-month Interbank 12 3/16–12 1/16%
3-month eligible bills 11 5/8–11½ buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 10.75%
Federal Funds 8 3/4%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.78–7 72%

Long bond 101 3/8–101 11/16%

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WALL STREET

	Jan 14	Jan 11
AMF Inc	14⅝	14½
AMR	37½	38¼
Allied Corp	35	35
Allied Stores	50⅞	50⅜
Allis Chalmers	6⅛	6⅛
Alcoa	37⅝	37⅛
Amax Inc	18⅝	16⅞
Amerada Hess	25⅞	24⅞
Am Brands	64⅝	63¼
Am Broadcast	64⅞	64
Am Can	50⅝	50⅛
Am Cyanamid	50⅞	49⅞
Am Elec Power	21⅝	21½
Am Home	53¼	53¼
Am Motors	4⅞	4¼
Am Nat Res	39½	38
Am Standard	33¼	32
Am Telephone	20⅞	20⅞
Armco Steel	10⅝	10⅝
Asarco	19½	19
Ashland Oil	25½	25¼
Atlntic Richfield	44¼	43
Avco	49⅞	50
Avon Products	20⅝	20⅞
Bankers Tst NY	59¼	57½
Bank of America	18⅛	18¼
Bank of Boston	43½	43
Bank of NY	37⅞	37⅞
Beatrice Foods	29⅛	29
Bethlehem Steel	18⅝	18¼
Boeing	60	58⅞
Boise Cascade	41⅝	40⅞
Borden	64⅛	64⅝
Borg Warner	22	21⅞
Bristol Myers	51⅜	51⅜
BP	21⅞	21¾
Burlington Ind	26⅝	26⅞
Burlington Nthn	50¾	48½
Burroughs	59⅝	58⅝
Campbell Soup	67⅞	67⅞
Canadian Pacific	36⅞	36⅞
Caterpillar	29⅞	29⅞
Celanese	65⅝	64⅞
Central Soya	17½	17½
Champion	22	21⅞
Chase Manhat	48½	47½
Chem Bank NY	35⅝	34⅞
Chevron	31⅞	30½
Chrysler	32¼	31½
Citicorp	39½	38⅞
Clark Equip	27	26⅞
Coca Cola	64	64⅛
Colgate	24⅞	24⅝
CBS	75⅛	75
Columbia Gas	33⅝	33
Combustion Eng	33¼	31⅞
Comwth Edison	28¼	28⅛
Cons Edison	30⅝	30¼
Cons Foods	33⅛	32⅞
Cons Power	5	5
Control Data	35⅞	34⅞
Corning Glass	71¼	69⅝
CPC Intl	39½	39¼
Crane	34¼	34⅝
Crocker Int	24⅞	24⅛
Crown Zeller	34⅝	34½
Dart & Kraft	86⅞	84⅞
Deere	31½	30½
Delta Air	45⅝	44⅝
Detroit Edison	15½	15⅝
Digital Equip	110⅞	107¾
Disney	85	83¼
Dow Chemical	29¼	28⅞
Dresser Ind	18¼	17⅞
Duke Power	30½	30⅛
Du Pont	45⅝	48⅞
Eastern Air	4	4⅛
Eastman Kodak	72½	71⅞
Eaton Corp	55¼	52⅞
Emerson Elect	71½	70⅛
Evans Prod	3⅞	3⅞

	Jan 14	Jan 11
Exxon Corp	45⅝	46
Fed Dept Stores	51⅜	51⅜
Firestone	18¼	17⅞
Fst Chicago	22⅞	21¼
Fst Intrst Bncp	43	42½
Fst Penn Corp	6⅛	6⅛
Ford	47⅞	46⅞
GAF Corp	25⅞	25⅞
GTE Corp	41⅞	41⅞
Gen Corp	36⅝	36⅞
Gen Dynamics	71¼	71⅛
Gen Electric	59½	58
Gen Foods	55⅝	55¼
Gen Mills	48⅞	48⅛
Gen Motors	81⅝	79½
Gen Pub Util NY	11⅞	11¼
Genesco	6	6⅛
Georgia Pacific	26⅛	25⅞
Gillette	55	55¼
Goodrich	28⅞	28⅛
Goodyear	25⅞	26⅛
Gould Inc	22⅝	21⅝
Grace	40½	39⅛
Gt Atlc & Pacific	15½	15¼
Greyhound	25⅝	25½
Grumman Corp	27	26⅝
Gulf & West	29	28½
Heinz H. J.	44⅞	44⅞
Hercules	34⅝	33¼
Honeywell	59¼	58¼
IC Inds	28⅛	28⅛
Ingersoll	47½	48⅞
Inland Steel	23	23
IBM	125	122⅝
Int Harvester	9⅝	9
INCO	12⅝	12⅝
Int Paper	53⅞	53½
Int Tel Tel	30⅝	29⅞
Irving Bank	34	33⅞
Jim Walter	32⅝	32⅛
Johnson & John	37⅝	37⅛
Kaiser Alumin	15	15⅛
Kerr McGee	27⅛	27⅛
Kimberly Clark	49⅞	47⅞
K Mart	35⅛	35⅛
Kroger	38½	38⅛
L.T.V. Corp	11⅞	11⅝
Litton	67⅞	66⅞
Lockheed	44⅝	43⅞
Lucky Stores	17⅝	17⅝
Manuf Hanover	37⅞	36⅝
Manville Cp	6⅝	6⅛
Mapco	27⅛	26⅞
Marine Midland	28⅛	27⅛
Martin Marietta	43⅞	42⅞
McDonnell	73	70⅞
Mead	36⅝	35⅞
Merck	94⅝	92⅝
Minnesota Mng	81¼	80
Mobil Oil	26⅞	26½
Monsanto	42	42⅛
Morgan J. P.	81½	80
Motorola	36	34⅞
NCR Corp	28	26⅝
NL Industries	10½	10⅝
Nabisco	51⅞	51
Nat Distillers	26¼	25⅞
Nat Med Ent	24⅛	23⅝
Norfolk South	62⅞	62⅛
NW Bancorp	24	24
Occidental Pet	25⅞	26⅛
Ogden	28½	28¼
Olin Corp	29⅝	30
Owens-Illinois	39½	39⅝
Pacific Gas Elec	16⅞	16⅝
Pan Am	4½	4⅝
Penney J. C.	49	47⅞
Pennzoil	41⅝	41½
Pepsico	41⅞	41
Pfizer	41½	40½
Phelps Dodge	14⅞	14⅝

	Jan 14	Jan 11
Philip Morris	81	80½
Phillips Petrol	44	44¼
Polaroid	25⅞	26
PPG Ind	34⅞	34¼
Proctor Gamble	56⅝	55⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	26⅛	26⅛
Raytheon	43⅞	42⅞
RCA Corp	35⅝	35⅝
Reynolds Ind	71¾	71½
Reynolds Metal	37¼	37½
Rockwell Int	31	30⅝
Royal Dutch	49	48⅞
Safeways	28⅞	27⅞
SFE Sopac	26½	25½
SCM	44½	43⅞
Schlumberger	37	36
Scott Paper	35½	35⅝
Seagram	39	38⅝
Sears Roebuck	33½	32½
Shell Oil	55⅞	55½
Shell Trans	30	29⅝
Signal Co	33⅝	33½
Singer	32⅛	31⅝
Smithkline Beck	55½	55¼
Sony	14⅞	15
Sth Cal Edison	23¼	23
Sperry Corp	43⅛	42¼
Std Oil Indiana	53½	52¼
Std Oil Ohio	41⅝	41
Sterling Drug	27⅞	27⅞
Stevens J. P.	17¼	17
Sun Comp	45⅞	44¼
Teledyne	239⅞	237⅝
Tenneco	37⅞	37¼
Texaco	34	33⅞
Texas East Corp	28	28½
Texas Inst	124	122⅝
Texas Utilities	26¼	26⅛
Textron	34⅞	33⅞
TWA	30⅞	29⅞
Travelers Corp	37⅞	37¼
TRW Inc	75⅞	75⅞
UAL Inc	47¼	46⅞
Union Carbide	38⅝	38⅞
Unocal	34⅝	34⅞
Un Pacific Corp	43	42⅛
Uniroyal	14⅛	13⅞
United Brands	11⅝	10⅞
US Steel	27½	27½
Utd Technol	38	37⅞
Wachovia	29⅞	30
Warner Lambert	36⅛	35⅞
Wells Fargo	48⅞	47⅞
Westinghse Elec	27⅞	26⅞
Weyerhauser	31⅞	31⅜
Whirlpool	46⅝	45⅞
Woolworth	39½	38⅞
Xerox Corp	40⅛	39⅞
Zenith	20¼	19⅞
CANADIAN PRICES		
Abitibi	33½	33
Alcan Alumin	38⅝	37⅞
Algoma Steel	18½	18⅞
Bell Telephone	34⅞	34⅞
Can Pacific	49	40⅝
Cominco	12⅝	12½
Cons Bathurst	16	16
Gulf Oil	15⅛	16⅛
Hawker/Sid Can	17½	17⅞
Hudson Bay Mln	5⅝	5½
Imasco	47⅞	47
Imperial Oil	40⅞	40⅞
Int Pipe	34⅝	34¼
Mass.-Fergsn	3.80	3.65
Royal Trustco	17⅞	17
Seagram	51⅞	50⅞
Steel Co	21	21
Thomson N 'A'	49½	49
Walker Hiram	25	24⅞
WCT	15	15

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Dow loses early gain

New York (Agencies) - Shares lost some of the gains posted at yesterday's opening and turned mixed as profit taking began in blue chip issues. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.10 points at 1232.44 retreating from a gain of more than 3½ points.

Advancing issues led declines by more than two to one but had led by three to one earlier. Trading continued to be very heavy.

The Federal funds rate on interbank loans of reserves *slipped to 7¹³⁄₁₆ per cent* in the early going, down from 8¹⁄₁₆ per cent.

A number of *Wall Street* analysts said they were encouraged by the margin of advances over declines in the stock market rally that started at the beginning of last week.

Mr Robert W. Colby, technical analyst at Smith Barney *Harris Upham, said* the statistics were impressive. Monday's strong rally had brought a positive start yesterday morning.

Mr Colby said there might be a pause in the market's rise. "We are near the upper end of the five months' trading range and there is no assurance the market can break through that resistance", he said.

International Business Machines was 125¼, up ¼, General Motors 80⅞, down ¼, General Electric 59⅝, up ⅛. Teledyne was 235⅞, down 4, Digital Equipment 111⅝, up ¾ Great Nekoosa 35¼, up 1⅜.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three month Sterling					
Mar 85	87.80	88.51	87.80	88.51	2900
Jun 85	88.30	88.90	88.30	88.90	54
Sep 85	88.35	88.79	88.35	88.85	18
Dec 85	88.58	88.80	88.46	88.80	31
Mar 86	88.46	88.50	88.46	88.80	
Previous day's total open interest 3522					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 85	90.79	90.95	90.78	90.94	5836
Jun 85	90.18	90.32	90.16	90.32	667
Sep 85	89.69	89.80	89.67	89.80	377
Dec 85	89.28	89.35	89.26	89.37	107
Mar 85	NT			89.01	38
Previous day's total open interest 11330					
US Treasury Bond					
Mar 85	70-22	71-12	70-20	71-20	2615
Jun 85	69-31	70-15	69-28	70-14	200
Sep 85	NT				
Jun 85	NT				
Previous day's total open interest 1594					
Long Gilt					
Mar 85	104-10	105-04	104-09	104-28	4248
Jun 85	104-10	104-27	104-08	104-24	56
Sep 85	NT			107-29	0
Dec 85	NT			107-19	0
Mar 86	NT			107-09	0
Previous day's total open interest 4899					
FT-SE 100					
Mar 85	122.20	123.75	122.05	123.75	478
Jun 85	122.75	123.10	122.75	124.00	12
Mar 85	NT			124.50	
Previous day's total open interest 936					

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER	
Feb	650–590
Mar	660–600
Apr	670–620
May	680–630
June	690–640
Jul	700–650
Aug	720–660
Sep	730–670
Oct	740–680
Apr/Jun	700–650
Jul/Sep	720–670
Oct/Dec	750–700
Vol 12 at five tonnes	
SUGAR	
Mar	129.2–29.0
May	136.2–36.0
Aug	146.4–46.2
Oct	154.4–54.0
Dec	161.4–60.0
Mar	175.0–75.4
May	182.8–81.4
Vol 1329	
COCOA	
Mar	2037–36
May	2046–45
July	2046–45
Sep	2046–45
Dec	1988–86
Mar	1990–76
May	2010–1956
Vol 2697/8200	
COFFEE	
Jan	2324–2320
Mar	2348–2347
May	2364–2363
Jul	2375–2372
Sep	2380–2378
Nov	2390–2385
Jan	2390–2386
Vol 173/3743	
GAS OIL	
Jan	236.25–235.50
Feb	234.25–34.00
Mar	228.50–28.00
Apr	222.25–22.00
May	220.00–19.00
Jne	219.75–16.00
Jly	219.75–15.00
Aug	225.00–12.00
Sep	229.50–10.25

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1196.00–1196.50
Three months	1238.50–1209.00
T/O	11100
Tone	Very steady
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1193.00–1195.00
Three months	1207.00–1209.00
T/O	nil
Tone	Idle
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	9675.00–9790.00
Three months	9795.00–9800.00
T/O	365
Tone	Steady
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	9790.00–9795.00
Three months	9800.00–9810.00
T/O	365
Tone	Quiet
LEAD	
Cash	355.00–355.50
Three months	329.50–330.00
T/O	156
Tone	Steadier
ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	725.00–726.00
Three months	718.00–718.50
T/O	2900
Tone	Firm
ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	760.00–765.00
Three months	734.00–739.00
T/O	nil
Tone	Idle
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	538.0–539.0
Three months	553.0–555.0
T/O	85
Tone	Quiet
SILVER SMALL	
Cash	538.0–539.0
Three months	553.0–555.0
T/O	nil
Tone	Idle
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	981.00–982.00
Three months	1010.00
T/O	11050
Tone	Firm
NICKEL	
Cash	4340.00–4350.00
Three months	4385.00–4390.00
T/O	1114
Tone	Steady

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.

Feb	304.00–304.50
Apr	307.30–308.00
Jun	311.00–312.50
Vol	133
Tone	Quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 15:

GB: Cattle, 98.40p per kg lw (+0.81).
GB: Sheep, 158.72p per kg est d c w (–13.99).
GB: Pigs, 83.00p per kg lw (–1.53).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 0.1 per cent, ave. price, 98.43p (+0.92).
Sheep nos. down 9.2 per cent, ave. price, 157.68p (–11.14).
Pig nos. down 7.7 per cent, ave. price, 00.00p (–1.88).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 1.5 per cent, ave. price, 98.34p (+0.56).
Sheep nos. down 22.1 per cent, ave. price, 153.15p (–23.59).
Pig nos. up 3.9 per cent, ave. price, 89.55p (–0.42).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	£111.35	£112.40
Mar	£114.00	£114.35
May	£117.70	£117.15
Jly	£119.85	Sep
	£99.00	£98.35
Nov	£102.10	£101.80
Total lots traded		
Wheat		243
Barley		102

APPOINTMENTS

Chloride Automotive Europe: Mr **Alec D. Campion** has become marketing director.

United Transport International: Mr **Kenneth Farron** has been made a director.

Sears Holdings: Mr **Roland J. Denning** has been appointed an executive director.

Dowty Electronic Components: *Mr Richard D. Micallef* becomes financial director and secretary.

Mercantile House Holdings: Mr **Philip C. Manduca** has joined the board of its subsidiary, Rouse Woodstock.

Schlumberger Measurement and Control (UK): Viscount **Trenchard of Wolfeton** becomes chairman in succession to Mr L. M. L. D. Forde.

Rank Organisation: Mr **Patrick Lews** is now managing director of Rank Travel.

Rudolf Wolff: Mr **Charles B. Carpenter** has been appointed to the board and Dr Mo *Ahmadzadeh has* been made an associate director.

The Moorgate Group: Mr **David Harris** has been made group finance director and Mr **Roy Powell** has joined as group financial controller and company secretary.

London Life Association: Dr **J. Evans** has become deputy chief executive, Mr **W. B. McBride** is made general manager, pension, policyholder services and systems; and Mr **A. R. Russell** has been appointed general manager of corporate services and finance.

United Biscuits (UK): Mr **Ian Miller** has joined the board as business development director.

Alexanders Discount: Mr **Andrew Smith** has been elected to the board as managing director

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

The money markets had a less volatile session yesterday. *Nevertheless* **it was nerve-testing and many traders did little but watch the cable and move their rates accordingly.**

In an early attack of jitters, the 3-month interbank term deposit, for instance, hit 12⅞ – ¾ per cent.

By lunchtime, it was off to 12⁷⁄₁₆ – ⅜ per cent. At the end of the day it showed 12⁹⁄₁₆ – ⁷⁄₁₆ per cent, compared with 12⅞ – 1⅞ per cent on Monday evening.

So it was falling back towards a position more appropriate to *the* **authorities' idea of where rates should be, given their 12 per cent MLR of Monday.**

There was a good deal of business in the morning out of Eurosterling. Bidding became less aggressive in the afternoon.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 12
Finance House 10

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 10⅛ Low 8
Week fixed: 11¼

Treasury Bills (Discount %)			
Buying		Selling	
2 months	11⅞	2 months	11½
3 months	11⅝	3 months	11⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)			
1 month	11¹³⁄₁₆–11¹¹⁄₁₆	2 months	11¾–11⅝
3 months	11⅝–11½	6 months	11³⁄₁₆–11

Trade Bills (Discount %)			
1 month	12⁷⁄₁₆	2 months	12⅝
3 months	12¼	6 months	11¹³⁄₁₆

Interbank (%)			
Overnight: open 10½–10		close 12⅝–12⁷⁄₁₆	
1 week	11⅛–11⅛	6 months	11¹³⁄₁₆–11¹¹⁄₁₆
1 month	12½–12⅞	9 months	11⅞–11⅝
3 months	12⁹⁄₁₆–12⁷⁄₁₆	12 months	11⅝–11⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)			
2 days	11¼	7 days	11½
1 month	12	3 months	11⅞
6 months	11⅝	12 months	11½

Local Authority Bonds (%)			
1 month	12⅝–12¼	2 months	12½–12¼
3 months	12⅝–12	6 months	12⅛–11⅞
9 months	12⅛–11⅞	12 months	12⅛–11⅞

Sterling CDs (%)			
1 month	12⁹⁄₁₆–12⁷⁄₁₆	3 months	12⁷⁄₁₆–11¹⁵⁄₁₆
6 months	11⅝–11½	12 months	11⅝

Dollar CDs (%)			
1 month	8.20–8.10	3 months	8.30–8.20
6 months	8.20–8.60	12 months	9.60–9.40

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8¼–7¼
7 days	8–7⅞	1 month	8⅞–8⅞
3 months	8⅞–8⁹⁄₁₆	6 months	8⅞–8⅝
Deutschmark		call	5⅞–4⅞
7 days	5¹¹⁄₁₆–5⁹⁄₁₆	1 month	5⅞–5¾
3 months	6⅛–6	6 months	6⅛–6
French Franc		call	11–10
7 days	10⅞–10½	1 month	10⅝–10⅛
3 months	10¹³⁄₁₆–10¹¹⁄₁₆	6 months	11–10⅞
Swiss Franc		call	4⅛–3⅛
7 days	3½–3¼	1 month	[illegible]
3 months	5⁹⁄₁₆–5⁷⁄₁₆	6 months	5⅝–5½
Yen		call	6⅛–5⅞
7 days	6⅛–6¼	1 month	[illegible]
3 months	6⅞–6⅝	6 months	6⅞–6⅝

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 5 December, 1984, to 1 January, 1985, inclusive: 9.913 per cent.

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin): $311.50-313 (£279.50-281)
Sovereigns* (new): $71-72 (£63.75-64.75)
*Excludes VAT

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The pound had a better day on *the foreign exchange markets* **yesterday.**

The pound at one stage was traded around 1.1230 but soon came back as early profit-taking in the dollar subsided. Sterling during this period was bolstered a little by reported buying of *pounds believed to have been* **by East European banks.**

Monday's rise in interest rates *aimed at defending* **sterling prompted more orderly trading conditions.**

Dealers' attention switched from sterling into the dollar where ¼ point cuts to 10½ per cent by US banks including Citibank and Chase Manhattan *prompted* **some light selling of the dollar.**

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range January 15	Market rates close January 15	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.1140-1.1226	$1.1205-1.1215	0.45-0.40c prem	1.06-1.02c prem
Montreal	$1.4075-1.4875	$1.4792-1.4815	0.42-0.36c prem	1.00-0.91c prem
Amsterdam	4.0148-4.0408fl	4.0234-4.0304fl	2¼-2⅛c prem	6⅛-6⅞c prem
Brussels	71.00-71.55f	71.22-71.32f	18-12c prem	38-20c prem
Copenhagen	12.7400-12.8060k	12.7400-12.7627k	1¼-1¼ore prem	1⅞-1¼ore prem
Dublin	1.1416-1.1488p	1.1435-1.4450p	17-35p disc	38-75p disc
Frankfurt	3.5492-3.5749m	3.5615-3.5663m	2¼-2⅛pf prem	6⅞-6¼pf prem
Lisbon	192.05-195.00e	192.38-194.23e	195-490e disc	585-1450e disc
Madrid	196.50-197.50p	196.52-197.03p	10 prem-10p disc	18-85p disc
Milan	2178.70-2183.20lr	2180.24-2187.78lr	2-5lr disc	8-14lr disc
Oslo	10.3000-10.3650k	10.3377-10.3526k	1 prem-⅛ore disc	⅞-1⅞ore disc
Paris	10.8690-10.9490f	10.9080-10.9290f	2⅛-1⅞c prem	4⅞-3⅞c prem
Stockholm	10.2000-10.2525k	10.2340-10.2510k	2-1½ore prem	3⅞-2⅞ore prem
Tokyo	284.03-286.85y	285.09-285.45y	1⅞-1⅝y prem	4⅞-3⅞y prem
Vienna	24.90-25.10sch	25.02-25.08sch	13⅞-12⅞gro prem	33⅞-29⅞gro prem
Zurich	2.9886-3.0560f	2.9979-3.0280f	2⅛-1⅞c prem	6⅞-3⅞c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.5 at 71.3 (day's range 71.3-71.0).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	0.9745-0.9780
Singapore	2.2000-2.2020
Malaysia	2.4925-2.4945
Australia	0.8145-0.8155
Canada	1.3240-1.3245
Sweden	9.1400-9.1500
Norway	9.23-9.24
Denmark	11.41-11.42
West Germany	3.1820-3.1840
Switzerland	2.6805-2.6820
Netherlands	3.5970-3.6000
France	9.7550-9.7700
Japan	254.70-254.85
Italy	1952-1955
Belgium(Comm)	63.70-63.75
Hong Kong	7.7970-7.7990
Portugal	171-173
Spain	175.90-176.10
Austria	22.35-22.40

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	217.42-217.79
Australia dollar	1.37-1.38
Bahrain dinar	0.4190-0.4230
Brazil cruzeiro*	3693.81-3718.16
Cyprus pound	0.72-0.73
Finland marka	7.4440-7.5040
Greece drachma	143.90-145.90
Hongkong dollar	8.7320-8.7343
India rupee	14.00-14.30
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3400-0.3440
Malaysia dollar	2.74-2.80
Mexico peso	225-260
New Zealand dollar	2.38-2.39
Saudi Arabia riyal	3.9825-4.0225
Singapore dollar	2.46-2.47
South Africa rand	2.57-2.60
United Arab Emirates dirham	4.0840-4.1240

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
157	119	Aberdeen	155	+1	7.5	4.5	..
90	58	Alisa	88½	..	2.0b	2.8	..
593	438	Alliance	593	+10	20.7	3.5	..
127	88½	Amer	127	+2	3.6	2.9	..
272	218	Ang Amer Sec	272	+4	7.8	2.8	..
406	310	Ashdown	406	+4	11.7	2.9	..
143	98	Atlanta	132	..	1.6	1.2	..
101	75	Atlantic Assets	95	+2	0.7	0.7	..
87	87	Bankers	84 ●	..	3.5b	4.2	..
174	130	Berry	172	..	1.4	0.8	..
159	117	Border & Sthrn	159	+3	4.7	3.0	..
102	79	Br Amer Gen	101	..	3.7	3.7	..
198	140½	Br Assets	197 ●	+2	5.1b	4.6	..
28½	20½	Br Empire Sec	28	+½	1.2	4.4	..
333	261	British Inv	330	..	19.3b	5.8	..
68	55	Brunner	67	+3	2.9	4.3	..
75	60	Charter Agency	73	+1	3.1b	4.2	..
640	416	Continental	583 ●	..	25.7b	4.8	..
174	125	Crescent Japan	174	+2	0.4	0.2	..
385	275	Delta	385	+20	..	..	..
109	80	Derby Inc	107	-1	9.5	8.9	..
104	80	Do Cap	100	-2	..	..	..
287	241	Drayton Cons	271	..	12.7	4.7	..
157	88	Drayton Far East	135	..	1.2	0.9	..
358	292	Drayton Japan	352	..	1.4	0.4	..
376	295	Drayton Premier	374	+4	16.4	4.4	..
169	140	Dundee Lon	163 ●	..	6.7	4.1	..
208	148	Edin Amer Asset	188	+3	1.2	0.7	..
108	87	Edinburgh	105	+1	3.7	3.5	..
264	210	Electric Gen	263 ●	+1	4.8b	1.8	..
235	192	English Int	234 ●	+1	9.6b	4.1	..
73	52	English Scot	72	+1	1.6b	2.2	..
95	69	English NY	93	+1	3.3	3.5	..
90	69	F & C Alliance	88 ●	+1	2.4	2.7	..
167	117	F&C Pacific	146	-2	5.0b	3.4	..
190	162	Family	184	..	9.4	5.1	..
253	194	First Scot Amer	252	..	8.6b	3.4	..
245	170	First Un Gen	170 ●	-10	8.7	5.1	..
466	342	Fleming American	466	+8	6.1	1.3	..
246	185	Fleming Claver	245	+5	12.4	5.1	..
239	180	Fleming Enterprise	236	..	10.4	4.4	..
315	228	Fleming Far East	302	+2	2.8	0.9	..
108	83	Fleming Fledging	101	+1	3.2	3.2	..
533	390	Fleming Japan	533	..	4.3	0.8	..
112	90	Fleming Mercantile	112	+3	4.0	3.6	..
115	82	Fleming Overseas	115	+2	3.3b	2.9	..
182	119½	Fleming Tech	148	..	3.1	2.1	..
294	215	Fleming Universal	292	+2	9.6	3.3	..
135½	90	For Col	135½	+2½	3.6	2.6	..
175	120	GT Japan	174	+1	2.0	1.1	..
585	433	General Funds	585	..	12.9	2.3	..
235	184	General Cons	234	+3	12.0	5.1	..
110	77	Glasgow Stock	110	+1	2.6	2.4	..
261	197	Globe	253 ●	+1	12.9	5.0	..
215	176	Greenfriar	205	..	1.9	0.9	..
275	187½	Gresham House	270 ●	+5	5.7	2.1	..
143	114	Hambros	141	+2	5.4	3.9	..
236	187	Hill (P)	233	+4	13.2	5.7	..
510	390	Invest in Success	510	+2	7.6	1.5	..
219	162	Inv Cap	219	+3	5.1	2.3	..
64½	43	Japan Assets	60½ ●	..	0.1	0.1	..
294	215	Lake View	293	+1	6.4	2.2	..
169	130	Law Debenture	169	..	7.1b	4.2	..
83	64	Lon Merchant Sec	74 ●	..	2.8	3.8	..
95	71	Lon Trust	94	+1	3.9	4.2	..
93	70	Merchants	91	+1	4.0b	4.4	..
158	121	Monks	158 ●	+1	3.4b	2.2	..
108	85	Murray Income	107 ●	+1	8.4	8.0	..
89	67	Murray Growth	88 ●	+2	2.0	2.3	..
115	86	Murray Ind	114	+2	4.3	3.8	..
170	122	Murray Small	170	+8	3.2	1.9	..
277	225	Murray Venture	277	+2	6.2	2.3	..
380	308	New Court	380	+2	20.4	5.4	..
73	56	New Darien Oil	68	..	0.4e	0.5	..
174	138	1928	174	..	7.9	4.5	..
43	34	Nwtrog Inc 83	37 ●	-½	3.2b	8.7	..
359	258	New Tokyo	358	+2	..	..	..
287	222	Nth Atlantic Sec	287	+2	4.8	1.5	..
138	108	Nth Sea Assets	132	..	0.7	0.6	..
253	209	Nthn Amer	252	..	7.7	3.1	..
134	97	Outwich	132	..	4.1	3.1	..
36	24	Personal Assets	33	..	0.5	1.7	..
313	243	Raeburn	313	..	12.0	3.8	..
128	93	River & Merc	127	..	6.4	5.1	..
201	168	River Plate	201	..	9.3b	4.6	..
180	139	Robeco	179	-1	..	..	..
160	127	Rolinco	160	+1	..	..	..
242	185	Romney	242	+3	6.3	2.6	..
11½	9½	Rorento	£10⅝	..	..	..	..
308	237	St Andrews	308	..	10.0	3.2	..
251	191	Scottish	250 ●	+2	7.4	3.0	..
220	174	Scot American	219	+1	7.2	3.3	..
152	117	Scot Eastern	151	+1	5.0	3.3	..
365	270	Scot Mtge	365	+3	9.7b	2.7	..
220	168	Scot Nat	219	+2	8.1	2.6	..
122	92½	Scot Ntho	120	+1	4.7	3.9	..
386	265	Scot Merc 'A'	365	..	11.0	3.0	..
518	384	Secnd Alliance	518	+4	17.9	3.4	..
119	84	Sec Of Scotland	111	+1	5.3b	4.8	..
67	51	Smaller Cos	67	+1	2.2	3.3	..
38	32½	Stewart Enterp	34	..	0.6	1.7	..
125	93	Stockholders	125 ●	+4	3.4	2.7	..
111	75	T'Australia	86	..	2.9	3.3	..
83	59	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	79 ●	+1	4.4b	5.6	..
144	121	Tr Ind & Gen	142	-1	4.8b	3.4	..
260	201	Tr Natural Res	239	+1	10.7	4.5	..
179	130	Tr North America	179	+3	4.9b	2.7	..
281	192	Tr Pacific Basin	275	..	2.9b	1.0	..
140	107	Tr Property	135	-1	4.7	3.5	..
91	69	Tr Tech	90	+1	2.4	2.6	..
126	98	Tr Trustees	125 ●	..	4.9	3.9	..
114	95	Temple Bar	111	..	6.2b	5.6	..
220	160	Throgmorton	218	+1	9.3	4.3	..
273	211	Throg Secured Cap	248	-2	..	..	..
153	123	Trans Oceanic	152 ●	..	4.6	3.0	..
110	80	Tribune	109	+1	2.8	2.6	..
81	67½	Triplevest Inc	[illegible]	..	12.4	16.5	..
197	153	US Debenture	[illegible]	+1	9.3	4.7	..
95	73	Viking Resource	73	..	1.6	2.2	..
76	53	Westpool	66	..	2.0	3.0	..
98	60	Winterbottom Enrgy	89	..	1.06	1.1	..
147	105½	Witan	145 ●	..	3.6	2.6	..
288	207	Yeoman	288	..	11.7	4.4	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
600	345	Akroyd & Smithers	410 ●	..	23.6	5.7	15.5
34⅝	18⅛	American Express	£34⅛ ●	+¼	..	..	..
29	18	Argyle	20	..	0.7	3.8	24.7
105	66	Boustead	66	-1	..	..	..
100	63	Britannia Arrow	98	+1	3.3	3.4	20.2
105	77	CJR Pacific	105	+1	..	..	..
44	23	Do Warrants	35	..	..	..	..
10⅛	6⅞	Daily Mail	£10⅛	+⅛	55.0	5.4	10.6
10⅛	6⅞	Do 'A'	£10⅛	+⅛	56.0	5.4	10.5
115	89	Electra	113½ ●	+½	5.1	4.5	30.3
146	88	Eng Assoc	88	..	4.3	4.9	12.6
644	383	Exco	583	+25	11.8	2.0	22.1
77	53	Exploration	71	..	4.5	6.3	11.8
12½	9	First Charlotte	11	+½	0.1	0.6	..
875	670	Framlington	725	..	12.9	1.8	18.8
108	78	Frost (J.) & D	78	-2	4.0	5.1	11.5
56	42	Goode (D & M)	45	+1	1.8	3.7	7.9
613	357	Henderson Admin	560 ●	..	15.7	2.6	12.8
785	590	M & G	785 ●	+5	35.7	4.5	15.8
418	215	Martin (RP)	395	+5	17.9	4.6	9.3
457	247	Mercantile House	339	+5	17.1	5.1	8.6
415	255	Mills & Allen	380	..	20.0	5.6	11.1
123	78	Smith Brothers	108 ●	+1	7.8	7.3	4.8
221	175	Yule Catto	205	..	7.9	3.8	8.3

AUTHORIZED UNIT TRUSTS

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e Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous days price. s Ex all. c Dealings suspended. s Subdivided. ¶ Cash value for £100 premium. z Ex bonus. h Estimated yield. k Yield before Jersey tax. g Periodic premium. s Single premium. Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 20th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb. May. Aug. Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month.

COMPANY NEWS

● **BROMSGROVE CASTING AND MACHINING:** For six months to September 30, 1984. Two for one captn. Interim dividend 0.9p (0.75p) payable on February 15. (Figs in £000) Turnover 2,201 (2,349). Trading profit before tax 84 (78.1). Tax 31 (35.1). Earnings per ordinary share 3.31p (2.69p). The name of the company is to be changed and a circular to be posted. Shares 82p up 4p.

● **JOHN WADDINGTON CANADIAN:** The company's wholly owned subsidiary Plastona has concluded a Can$2 million agreement with Innopac of Toronto to supply machinery and technology for the manufacture of dual ovenable trays for use in either conventional or microwave ovens.

First Castle Electronics yesterday announced a one-for-three rights issue at 88p per share to help with its acquisition plans. The cash call will raise £5.1 million after expenses. At the same time, the company forecast *that its* **pretax profits in the year to the end of this month will rise from £1.7 million to £2.2 million while dividends will be increased by 10 per cent to a total of 2.117p. The group is making a £1.3 million investment in industrial buildings and is** *actively seeking* **suitable further acquisitions.**

● **COUNTRYSIDE PROPERTIES:** Final 3.22p making 5.04p *(4.62p) for the year to September 30,* 1984. (Figs in £000). Turnover 34,844 (20,112). Pretax profit 2,208 (1,836) including share of related company 24 (20) but after administration expenses 1,320 (1,090). Tax 128 (119). Earnings per share 34.7p (28.6p). The chairman expects a continuation of the progress achieved in recent years. Shares unchanged.

● **WIGFALL:** Half year to October 31, 1984. No interim dividend (nil). (Figs in £000). Turnover 20,334 (18,918). Pretax loss 487 (loss 590). After interim 673 (588). No tax (nil). Loss per ordinary share. Trading conditions continue to be very competitive and the board anticipates that trading in the second half should be sufficient to recover the first half loss.

● **WESTPOOL INVESTMENT TRUSTS:** Results for six months to October 31, 1984. Interim dividend 0.344p (same). (Figs in £000). Dividend from London Merchant Securities 1,438 (1,203). Other UK investment income 60 (48). Overseas investment income 66 (72). *Total 1,564 (1,323). Interest receiv*able 293 (186). Underwriting income 6 (13). Gross income 1,863 (1,522). *Before administration* expenses 70 (60). Interest pay 325 (273). Pretax profit 1,468 (1,189). *Tax 492 (345). Earnings per share* 0.99p (0.86p) (Westpool is a participant in the consortium which *has acquired control of Cullens Stores).*

● **EXPAMET INT:** The board has entered into a conditional agreement with the shareholders of APT Controls for the purchase of the whole issued ordinary share capital of APT. The consideration, totalling £4.765 million, is to be satisfied by payment of £4.535 million in cash and the issue of 250,000 ordinary in Expamet, at 92p per ordinary in view of the substantial size of the acceptance in relation to Expamet, it is conditional upon the approval of *Expamet's shareholders.*

● **SIDNEY C. BANKS:** For six months to October 31, 1984. Interim 3.25p (2.75p) payable on April 8. (Figs in £000). Turnover 61,222 (50,720). Pretax profit 1,145 (935). Tax 481 (374). Earnings per share 20.2p (17.3p). Shares 220 up 12.

● **DAVENPORTS BREWERY:** The chairman warns that the underlying trend in beer sales "remains downwards".

● **AERO AND GEN:** Acceptances of Landis and Gyr's recommended offers for Aeronautical and General Instruments were received at 3pm on January 4 in respect of 3,652,495 AGI ordinary (91.31 per cent) and 121,733 AGI preferential shares (81.15 per cent) which include the 1,924,781 AGI ordinary (48.12 per cent) in respect of which irrevocable acceptances had already been received. Landis and Gyr held no AGI shares before the offers. The offers, having become unconditional, will remain open until further notice.

● **JOHNSON & FIRTH BROWN:** The Chairman looks to an improvement in trading this year, but warns of the "precariousness" of the present business environment.

Results announced yesterday by ***London & Clydeside Holdings*** **were comfortably in excess of the forecast made by the Edinburgh housebuilder when it was floated on the Unlisted Securities Market** ***last June.*** **Pretax profits for the year to the end of September rose from £1.2** ***million to £2.99 million – nearly*** **£100,000 better than was forecast – despite lower house sales than were anticipated. The company said sales for this year have started well. A special final dividend of 1.3p is being recommended which is in line with the prospectus forecast.**

● **TATE AND LYLE:** The chairman remains confident of future prospects, and the group's efforts to find "significant" acquisitions remains undiminished. Last year it pulled out of the bidding for Brooke Bond but was left showing a £750,000 profit.

● **FII GROUP:** Under the company's rights issue to finance the further growth 1,887,502 preferential shares representing 94.81 per cent of the issue, have been taken up. The balance of 103,245 preferential shares not taken up has been sold at a premium. The net proceeds of the sale will be distributed to shareholders whose rights were not taken up.

Sol steps up tourist bond after sales suspension

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Sol Holidays, one of the top dozen tour operators, was reinstated as a member of the Association of British Travel Agents *yesterday after the* resolving of a dispute over Sol's level of bond that safeguards *holidaymakers.*

Abta had cancelled Sol's membership over the weekend *which meant Abta retail travel* agents stopped selling Sol holidays. Now the sales have been resumed.

Sol had already put up a bond of about £1 million to the Civil Aviation Authority but had been under pressure to increase this because it plans to increase substantially the number of holidaymakers to be carried this year. Now a bond of just over £1.4 million has been lodged.

Tour operators place bonds with the CAA *to safeguard* holiday makers against problems like an operator going out of business. Abta also monitors bonding levels of its tour *operator members.*

Sol is backed by Arab Express, an investment group of varied Arab interests.

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Instem 10p Ord (145a)	223
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Plasmec 10p Ord (70a)	74
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C. Hoare & Co	*12%
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Williams & Glyn's	12%
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† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 8¾%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 9½%; £50,000 and over, 10¼%.

Part two of a Times investigation into who is behind the continuing million-pound property deals in London

Merry-go-round of sales at Oxford Circus

WHO OWNS LONDON?

Oxford Street's huge variety of owners is the reason why it has not had large-scale development as seen in most of Britain's towns and cities. Judith Huntley reports. According to Mark Teale the capital's hotel business is booming and overseas buyers are rushing to obtain a foothold



The offices in the Crown Estate Commissioners' Quadrangle West One scheme have a glass domed atrium.

Acknowledgements to Hunter Penner

Not to scale

Property owners in Britain are coy about revealing just what they own. But there are four main types of owner in Oxford Street.

The great landed estates which have held an interest for centuries till do so. The Crown and the Church are represented. Then come the insurance companies and pension funds along with the large property companies. And finally there are the retailers themselves.

The variety of interests has ruled out most of the large-scale redevelopment so familiar in most shopping areas in Britain. The street pattern has hardly changed since it began life as a Roman road and route to the west.

The name of Oxford Street became established in the eighteenth century because land on the north side was acquired by Edward Harley, second Earl of Oxford. Some of this has been inherited by the present-day Howard de Walden estate.

Another of the landed interests which still own parts of its somewhat depleted holding in Oxford Street is the Portman Family Settled Estate. It too began developing the north side of the street in the eighteenth century. It sold the Debenhams and John Lewis sites some time ago.

But the complications of ownership can be seen from the example of a block of six shops on the north west side of Oxford Street between Marks and Spencer and Marble Arch. The freehold is owned by the Portman Estate but the story does not end there. The six shops are let on a long lease to a financial institution which in turn has given a lease to one of Britain's largest quoted property companies. It then lets the shops to the retailers.

On the south side of Oxford Street, the Grosvenor Estate has large land holdings and also owns some of the buildings. The proceeds from Oxford Street rents as well as from large areas of Belgravia, Mayfair and Pimlico help to make the Duke of Westminster reputedly Britain's richest man.

The largest financial institution to own property in the prime west of Oxford Street is the Prudential Assurance but there are many others, including Legal & General Assurance and pension funds for Mothercare and the Post Office staff. Two financial institution in the shape of Scottish Amicable and Equitable Life are looking for a buyer for the former Bourne and Hollingsworth department store. Other stores like Selfridges (part of Sears Holdings) and C & A own large interests in their own premises.

The Crown Estate Commissioners who own a sizeable piece of Oxford Street have just built a retail office and residential development at the junction of Wardour Street.

The Quadrangle West One, as the scheme is known, stands on land which came to the Crown on the dissolution of the monasteries under Henry VIII. The new scheme has six shops on Oxford Street with offices above. There are also, unusually for a shopping street, seven flats on the fourth floor of the development, all of which have been sold.

The Crown also owns the freehold of property in Regent Street (including the Liberty and Dickins & Jones department stores) and Piccadilly Circus, including a landmark of the Circus, the former Swan & Edgar department store.

Debenhams, which ran the store, held a lease from the Crown but sold it to a little-known Dutch property company Resources N. for £10 million in 1982. The store is now being transformed.

Some of Britain's largest property companies own slices of Oxford Street, too. Land Securities, the biggest of them all, has interests in shops, offices, showrooms and restaurants along the street.

Another big property group, MEPC, was responsible for developing the imaginative West One Shopping Centre above Bond Street underground station. The site was leased to the developer and now has 45,000 sq ft of offices and the same amount of shopping. The Burton Group took half the retail space and the development is worth more than £22 million.

Oxford Street is unlikely to change dramatically because of the fragmented nature of its ownership.

Only when leases change hands or stores close, does the opportunity arise to redevelop parts of the street.

But it has certainly changed from the days when it was described as a "deep hollow road full of sloughs, with here and there a ragged house, the lurking place of cut-throats." Its transformation into what was hailed by the planners of 1972 as "a tree lined paradise" is now complete.

Paradise it may never be. But pedestrians have been given more room to shop and cars have only a limited access.

Its present owners must be pleased. Oxford Street will continue to present them with rich pickings.

As tourists flock in, foreign groups set the price of an hotel booming

More than 60 leading London hotels have changed hands in the past four years. Big names like Grand Metropolitan and British Rail's British Transport Hotels have sold, to be replaced by smaller newcomers such as Mount Charlotte Hotels, Queens Moat Houses, Thistle Hotels, Reo Stakis and Sarova.

Grand Met began the change when it sold 19 London hotels and bought Intercontinental Hotels, an international chain, from the troubled Pan-American airline group. Trusthouse Forte and Thorn EMI unloaded eight hotels between them and British Rail sold five.

Foreign and provincial groups seeking a London flagship have kept demand strong. Prices have gone shooting up, while the increasingly buoyant tourist market has reduced the number of hotels coming up for sale to a trickle. Nobody wants to sell out when the going is good.

American hotel groups such as Holiday Inns, Hilton, Sheraton and Marriott are all waiting to buy. Ramada, another American hotel chain, has set aside £100 million to spend on British hotels with London as its prime target. France's IBIS-Sphere group has also set its heart on a London hotel.

There is speculation that Embassy Hotels, Anchor Hotels and Rank are planning to sell off some of their holdings and there is still much speculation about the future of Trafalgar House's Ritz Hotel in Piccadilly.

When top hotels do come up for sale prices are high. The American hotel operator, Regent International, last year paid £45 million for the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, a deal that valued the building at £140,000 per room. It is possible to build new for less than that.

The 160-room Londonderry Hotel, in Park Lane, was sold by Barclay Hotels in 1979 for £9.5 million. It was closed for four years by the Middle Eastern buyers and has now been bought back by Barclay Hotels for about £18 million. The company plans a £5 million facelift which will bring the cost up to £130,000 per room.

More recently, Raleigh Enterprises, bought the Millbank headquarters of the Crown Agents in the heart of Westminster, for £10 million. A full hotel conversion is planned.

If the scheme does go ahead, it will provide the first new hotel development (albeit behind the original facade) in central London for almost a decade. An indication of how potent the demand for new hotel space now is.

Eleven of the leading London hotels that changed hands between 1980 and 1984 are undergoing refurbishment programmes and work is expected to start on a further 17 soon.

Unlike building from scratch, refurbishment is quick and relatively cheap, which is important for operators intent on keeping up with the cyclical and often short tourist booms. Even if you could with planning permission, the enormous cost of building a central London hotel (something like £100,000 per room) and the long lead time to profitability – anything up to six years – deters new development in prime London locations.

Marriott, for example, bought the Europa (now the London Marriott) from Grand Met in 1983 for £14 million. The company is spending £7.5 million on refurbishing and will then have a top rate hotel for £80,000 per room. The Piccadilly Hotel, now operated by Gleneagles Hotels on a lease from the Kuwaiti-owned St Martins Property Corporation will, after refurbishment, have cost £88,000 per room.

None of the new hotel groups have managed to build up the sort of hotel portfolio that Grand Met achieved in its London heyday. But a number like Mount Charlotte, Taj International Hotels, Barclay Hotels, Thistle Hotels and Sarova have been bulk buying.

Mount Charlotte, acquired three of Trusthouse Forte's London hotels: Whites Hotel, Park Court Hotel and Kingsley Hotel, for £19 million. The company bought two more from Grand Met: the 700-bed Mount Royal Hotel and the Kennedy Hotel.

The London Ryan it acquired from Ryans Hotels. The six purchases added more than 2,000 rooms to the group's stock.

Queens Moat Houses effectively doubled its size in 1982 with the purchase of 26 hotels from Grand Met for £30 million. But all the properties were outside London. However in 1983, Queens Moat bought the Drury Lane Hotel from Grand Met for £2.25 million and acquired its first central London hotel.

Queens Moat bought the hotel because it believed rightly as it turned out that 1983 and 1984 were going to be good years for tourism. Also, owning a London hotel would gain the group spin-off business for its provincial chain.

The premium price for getting into the market is now too high for many deals to be done. Capital appreciation is running way ahead of growth in income which must be dangerous in a business so vulnerable to exchange rate fluctuations and the whims of tourists. Understandably, many foreign investors are now more interested in operating British hotels than tying up capital in owning the buildings.

Tomorrow: fortunes along the Thames



Each room costs £88,000: Mr Peter Tyrie, whose Gleneagles Hotels is spending £11 million on refurbishing the Piccadilly

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ECONOMIC COMMENTARY

Avoiding the trap of debt interest

By Tim Congdon

Brave decisions are needed to stop UK from being relegated to an inferior league

Britain's economy has returned to a condition approximate normality. The pound falls uncontrollably, the leader-writers bleat for fiscal reflection and the Government has confused everyone about what it wants to do.

In every short-term scrape is it important to restate principles which should guide policy in the long run. Otherwise there is a tendency for measures to be cobbled together from week to week, often with unfortunate results next year or the year after.

One vital long-run principle is that interest on the public sector's debt should not be allowed to rise faster than national income. Even if the debt itself never has to be repaid, interest on the debt must be covered by taxation. So, if interest on the debt rises sharply, taxation must also be increased. Taxation acts as a drag on the economy because it damages incentives to work and to save.

Of course, for a time a government can finance debt interest by borrowing. But sooner or later this will leave it enmeshed in the debt interest trap. Once it has been caught in this trap, escape is difficult.

Borrowing in 1984 adds to the national debt; interest on payments on this new debt increase the budget deficit in 1985 and so cause borrowing on a greater scale; in 1986 interest payments, having risen more quickly than in 1985, further enlarge the budget deficit and lead to an even bigger rise in the national debt; and, so on. Unless the budget deficit is controlled by tax increases the ratio of debt interest to national income increases explosively.

It is sometimes argued that debt interst is merely a transfer payment. The state has been making transfer payments for generations, taxing rich Peters to pay poor Pauls and in theory adding thereby to the sum of human happiness. What is so special about debt interest?

The trouble is that taxation to finance transfer payments has the same harmful effect on incentives as any other kind of taxation. Moreover, most holders of government debt are, via insurance policies and pension funds, in the middle-income groups. Taxing middle-income Peters to pay middle-income Peters adds nothing to the sum of human happiness, except for the wider opportunities it gives to tax inspectors and dealers in government debt.

These points are so simple and obvious, and such and emphatic refutation of the case for fiscal reflation, that they have become immensely controversial. High-powered academic economists have written extraordinarily complicated articles about the subject. Two particularly high-powered and academic economists from the University of Minnesota, Professor Tom Sargent and Neil Wallace, explored the mathematical background to the debt interest trap in a famous 1981 paper on "Some unpleasant monetarist arithmetic".

In fact, it is not necessary to be mathematician, a monetarist or even an economic professor at the University of Minnesota to understand what is at stake. Anyone who has not paid his Barclaycard account for a few months will recognise the problem.

THE DEBT PROBLEM IN ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL NATIONS

Government debt interest payments as % of GNP/GDP

	1970	1975	1980	1983	1984	1985	1989
United States	2.2	2.5	3.3	4.6	4.9	5.5	5.7
Japan	0.6	1.2	3.2	4.4	4.6	4.7	3.8
Germany	1.0	1.4	1.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.7
France	1.1	1.3	1.6	2.6	3.0	3.2	3.7
United Kingdom	3.9	4.0	5.6	4.9	4.7	4.3	4.3
Italy	1.7	4.0	6.3	9.1	9.6	10.1	13.6
Canada	3.8	4.0	5.6	7.2	7.6	7.9	8.4
Total major seven countries	1.9	2.3	3.4	4.6	4.9	5.2	5.4

Figures for 1984 are estimates, for 1985 and 1989 projections. For details, see source.

Source: OECD *Economic Outlook* December 1984.

The debt interest trap is so ghastly and so predictable that it would surely be very surprising if the government of any advanced industrial country ever fell into it. After all, such governments benefit from the advice of tribes of clever and sophistical civil servants, economic commentators, financial experts and so on.

However surprising the possibility may seem, the fact is that several governments who ought to know better have fallen deeply into the trap. In its most recent *Economic Outlook*, the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development expresses anxiety about rising government debt service burdens in a number of countries.

To quote, "The very rapid growth in interest payments on public debt over the past decades has become a major policy concern. Since the problem is a legacy of the cumulative effect of large budget deficits on the outstanding stock of government debt in the context of persistently high interest rates, there is a fear that the situation could continue to deteriorate."

The most worrying case in Italy where debt interest paid by general government (i.e. central and local government) will exceed 10 per cent of gross national product in 1985 and threatens to reach 14 per cent by 1989. It should be emphasized that the figure for the whole public sector, including nationalized industries, is already about 15 per cent.

In this environment private sector agents become alarmed about the government's ability to keep on raising enough taxation to pay interest bills. They know that the easy solution, deliberate inflation to reduce the real value of the national debt, would make them worse off if they held any of the debt. They therefore require a higher real interest rate, as compensation for inflation risk, before they purchase new issues.

High real interest rates further aggravate the debt interest problem. The compounding effect, where interest has to be paid on interest and debt servicing payments increase at an accelerating rate, operates with intensified viciousness. The higher are real interest rates, the sooner must a government in deficit either resort to inflation or openly repudiate its liabilities.

The fiscal nightmare has another dimension. High real interest rates deter private sector investment, which depresses business activity in the short run and undermines long-term growth prospects.

The debt interest problem is not universal. Although in every industrial country government interest payments are a higher proportion of GNP today than a decade ago, the OECD *Economic Outlook* remarks that, "in Japan, Germany and the United Kingdom, where considerable progress has been made towards consolidating the fiscal situation, the interest burden appears likely to ease, in contrast to the area-wide trend".

The OECD is right to pay tribute to Japan and West Germany. Japan has cut its budget deficit from 4.5 per cent of GNP in 1980 to a prospective 0.8 per cent in 1985 and West Germany has reduced its budget deficit from 3.8 per cent of GNP in 1981 to a prospective 0.9 per cent in 1985. It is another demonstration that the citizens of these two nations have an impressive and apparently inevitable tendency to organize their financial affairs with more sense than the rest of mankind.

But the inclusion of the UK in the virtuous trio is misleading. The present Government did reduce the PSBR/GDP ratio substantially between 1980-81 and 1982-83, partly because of tax increases in the 1981 Budget. But, over the whole period from 1979-80 to 1984-85, almost all of the decline in the PSBR/GDP ratio can be explained by higher North Sea oil revenues and increased asset sales.

Without bouyant receipts from the North Sea and asset sales, the underlying fiscal position in the UK would be poor. Even with them, it is not absolutely definite that the debt interest problem is under control. In the Autumn Statement, Mr Lawson had to admit that above-estimate interest payments had contributed to the overshoot on the 1984/85 PSBR.

If North Sea revenues were to fall sharply because of lower oil prices, the debt interest problem would soon become a major headache for policy-makers. Financial markets know how dependent the British Government has become on temporary influences to maintain its self-image of fiscal rectitude. Now that those influences are under immediate threat, investors are selling both sterling and gilt-edged securities.

In such circumstances a strong-willed and confident Chancellor would indicate that the PSBR has to be reduced, as a precaution against future declines in North Sea revenues. But Mr Lawson has given no indications of this kind. On the contrary, he continues to talk about the relative advantages and disadvantages of actions which would increase the PSBR.

A decade ago the OECD bracketed the UK and Italy together as the two hopeless invalids of the industrial world. In its most recent documents it has grouped Britain with Japan and West Germany. Unless there are some brave decisions in economic management soon, the UK may have been relegated to an inferior league a decade from now.

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349	250	Gerrard Nat	312	+3	17.1	5.5	9.2
67	45	Guinness Peat	67	● +2	2.0	3.0	15.5
188	121	Hambros	175	+5	9.0	5.1	18.3
18	9	Do (50p)	£14		88.6	6.4	14.7
353	235	Hill Samuel	343	+2	15.4	4.5	9.7
105	48½	HK Shanghai	103	−2	b	..	..
313	228	Joseph (Leopold)	283	..	18.1	6.1	13.8
178	124	King & Shaxson	166	..	11.8	7.1	14.1
480	320	Kleinwort Benson	445	+5	17.9	4.0	11.2
552	422	Lloyds	519	−3	34.9	6.7	4.4
63	49	Lon Scot Fin	60	+1	4.0	6.7	9.0
42	24	Manson	25	..	1.4	5.7	9.8
493	408	Mercury Secs	488	+5	18.4	3.4	10.2
429	277	Midland	337	..	36.4	10.8	5.6
281	193	Nat Aust Bk	260	..	..	..	..
614	420	Nat West	582	..	36.2	6.1	4.8
72	57	Ottoman	£70	..	450	6.4	10.7
201	144	Provident	194	−4	13.6	7.0	6.3
100	72½	Rea Bros	78	..	1.8	2.3	25.2
20½	14	Royl Bnk Of Can	£19½	−½	..	..	..
240	228	Royl Bnk Of Scot	228	● −2	12.1b	5.4	8.0
808	625	Schroders	788	..	23.6	3.0	13.2
370	260	Seccombe M	310	..	28.6	9.2	10.2
71	48	Smith St Aubyn	62	+1	6.4	10.4	5.7
579	442	Stand Chart	477	+3	40.0	8.4	6.6
783	612	Union	703	−5	48.5	6.9	11.5
64	42	Wagon	58	..	3.8	6.6	15.7
43½	23½	Wells Fargo	£43½	● +1½	..	..	..
255	195	Wintrust	255	..	6.1	2.4	17.2

BUILDING AND ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
202	155	Aberdeen Constr	184	+2	9.4	5.1	9.3
257	185	Amec	244	−1	15.0	6.1	10.0
78	38	Amcliffe	52	−2	..	..	8.0
94	79½	Attwoods	85		5.0b	5.9	24.9
338	233	BPB Industries	258		10.4	4.0	9.2
218	122	Baggeridge Brick	208		8.9	4.3	8.8
188	76	Barratt Devs	82	..	10.9	13.3	5.4
45	27	Bailey(Ben) Constr	28	−1	2.6	9.2	5.8
		Beechwood	..		..	..	..
184	116	Bellway	131	−1	10.0	7.6	8.8
76	53	Benford Concrete	68	..	5.4	7.9	15.5
64	43	Bett Bros	51	..	4.1	8.0	13.4
603	346	Blockleys	565	−10	30.0	5.3	14.5
498	358	Blue Circle	468	−2	27.1	5.8	7.9
218	182	Breedon&Cloud Hill	194	..	12.0	6.2	17.3
87	46	Brickhouse Dudley	65		4.6	7.0	17.4
71	47	Br Dredging	55	..	2.9	5.2	12.8
23	16	Brown&Jackson	17	..	..	..	11.7
78	57	Brownlee	70	+1	5.2	7.4	7.4
77	50	Bryant	72	−1	4.3	6.0	7.9
220	125	Burnett & Hallam	165	..	12.5	7.6	18.1
150	145	Cakebread Robey	145	..	4.3	3.0	18.8
86	49	Carr (J) Doncaster	62	−3	2.1	3.3	9.4
58½	47	Cement-Roadstone	56	..	1.0	1.9	..
54	42	Condor Int	48	..	1.1	2.3	..
380	234	Costain	370	−6	20.0	5.4	8.9
240	174	Countryside	222	−6	8.8	3.1	7.8
96	88	Crouch (Derek)	92	−2	7.2	7.8	61.1
		Crouch Group	..		..	..	..
108	48	Dew (George)	60	−2	8.1	13.8	8.2
68	53	Douglas (RM)	55	..	2.5	4.5	39.3
83	64	Erith	65	..	4.1	6.3	10.5
120	95	Feb	108	..	3.9	3.6	12.4
118	82	Do 'A'	82	..	3.9	4.7	9.4
107	71	Finlan (John)	91	● +1	5.0b	5.5	43.8
154	110	French Kier	124	+2	8.1	6.6	7.2
71	37	Galliford	69	−1	5.7	8.3	10.7
110	105	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	105	..	2.0	1.9	45.5
238	163	Gleeson (MJ)	232	−1	7.1	3.0	11.0
123	95	HAT	98	+2	4.9	5.0	11.0
53	18	Helical Bar	27	..	..	..	5.5
41	30	Hewden-Stuart	37	..	2.0	5.3	8.8
161	103	Heywood Williams	123	+1	8.5	7.0	5.2
330	230	Higgs & Hill	290	+2	16.4	5.7	8.3
147	110	IDC	135	−2	9.9	7.3	13.7
283	162	Ibstock Johnsen	253	+5	8.5	3.4	17.4
308	220	Jarvis (J) & Sons	306	..	25.0	8.1	10.6
229	137	Laing (J)	217	−1	7.9	3.6	8.1
229	135	Do 'A'	217	..	7.9	3.6	8.1
244	165	Lawrence (Walter)	212	−2	14.6	6.9	4.8
178	28	Leech (William)	172	● −2	5.7	3.3	17.5
91	60	Lilley (FJC)	62	+1	5.2	8.4	5.7
220	166	Lovell (YJ)	210	−2	8.6	4.1	8.1
180	104	Magnet & South	110	+6	6.7	6.1	7.9
179	143	Manders	165	+3	10.0	6.1	8.3
270	185	Marchwiel	256	+2	13.6	5.3	8.6
233	169	Marshalls (Halifax)	230	−1	11.4b	5.0	8.0
100	69	May & Hassell	90	..	5.9	6.6	3.5
156	89	Meyer Int	121	..	7.0	5.8	6.3
28	15	Miller (Stanley)	17	..	..	..	..
138	105	Monk (A)	117	−1	9.3	7.9	5.4
234	184	Mowlem (John)	214	..	16.0	7.5	8.5
635	475	Newarthill	607	+2	14.3	2.4	12.8
163	104	Nottingham Brick	163	..	7.1	4.4	15.2
725	425	Pearce (CH) Sons	650	..	8.9	1.4	17.4
148	84	Phoenix Timber	130	..	5.7	4.4	4.9
250	190	Pochins	200	..	17.0	8.5	4.5
476	330	RMC	376	−2	17.8	4.7	9.5
316	220	Redland	278	..	13.9	5.0	11.2
190	103	Roberts Adlard	108	−3	8.6	7.9	9.6
38	27	Rowlinson Secs	33	..	0.8	2.8	6.4
281	190	Ruberoid	210	−3	10.4	5.0	8.6
140	95	Rugby Cement	139½	+12	8.6	6.1	12.4
162	112	SGB	134	−2	8.0	6.0	11.5
71	57	Sharpe & Fisher	63	..	3.0	4.8	9.9
78	47	Smart (J)	68	+3	5.5	8.3	13.9
528	405	Tarmac	500	..	20.0	4.0	13.1
375	285	Taylor Woodrow	363	..	17.5	4.8	11.0
124	80	Tilbury Group	112	..	6.4	5.7	9.1
376	258	Travis & Arnold	285	..	10.1	3.6	9.9
102	88	Trent	97	..	1.3	1.3	13.3
308	165	Turriff	303	..	10.0	3.3	7.5
180	85	UBM	142	..	10.0	7.0	16.2
167	125½	Vibroplant	150	..	11.4	7.6	15.5
171	120	Ward	132	..	8.0	6.1	7.5
154	63	Do Dfd	128	−4	..	..	7.4
148	55	Warrington (T)	80	..	8.8	11.0	9.3
104	79½	Watts Blake	208	..	8.1	2.9	17.6
218	162	Westem Bros	72	..	..	..	13.9
88	62	Wiggins	37	−2	..	..	..
84	33	Wilson (Connolly)	190	+2	3.7	2.0	18.1
200	158	Wimpey (George)	114	−2	4.4	3.8	8.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
27½	19¼	AKZO N/V Bearer	£25½	..	40b	15.7	..
241	148½	Allied Colloids	236	● +1	3.0	1.3	27.1
361	203	Amersham	352	+1	7.8	2.2	21.5
199	85	Anchor Chemical	198	+2	5.0	2.5	18.3
82	45	Arrow Chemical	71	−1	2.4	3.4	12.2
54½	39½	Bayer DM50	£54	..	700	13.0	..
138	104	Blagden	134	..	10.0	7.5	13.0
114	84	Brent Chems	107	+1	4.2	3.9	19.7
17½	9½	Br Benzol	12	..	..	..	..
97	61	Br Tar Products	82	● ..	5.0	6.1	12.8
122	77	Canning (W)	93	−1	4.6	5.0	13.6
236	151	Coalite	225	−4	8.4	3.8	10.4
193	85	Coates Bros	180	..	6.0a	3.3	10.8
160	70	Do 'A'	153	..	6.0a	3.9	10.3
35	21	Cory (Horace)	34½	..	2.3	6.8	19.3
138	92	Croda	131	+3	10.0	7.6	15.8
88	82	Do Dfd	86	+1	..	..	10.3
234	158	Ellis & Everard	232	+4	9.3	4.0	21.5
109	60	Halstead (James)	65	..	5.0	7.6	6.6
485	335	Hickson	446	..	14.3	3.2	12.2
53½	42	Hoechst DM50	£52½	..	..	..	..
780	530	Imp Chem Ind	758	+2	37.1	4.9	12.2
405	234	Laporte	395	..	10.8	2.7	22.3
113	81	Leigh	105	● ..	3.2	3.1	28.9
241	187	Plysu	212	● −8	4.1	1.9	15.9
157	119	Ransold	155	..	2.8	1.8	28.8
115	89	Stewart Plastic	89	..	3.5	3.9	13.0
220	120	Wolstenholme Rink	208	..	8.6	4.8	12.2
72	38	Yorkshire Chem	65	+3	1.3e	2.8	19.8

CINEMAS AND TV

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
195	153	Anglia TV 'A'	163	+1	10.7	6.6	13.7
114	66	Grampian	99	● ..	6.6	7.6	5.6
159	99	HTV N/V	129	..	10.0	7.8	6.2
301	182	LWT 'A'	269	..	20.8	7.7	8.0
190	104	Scot TV 'A'	150	..	11.9	7.9	7.0
159	79	TVS N/V	134	−1	7.1	5.3	9.9
37	24	TSW	32	..	2.1	6.7	8.1

DRAPERY AND STORES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
430	292	ASR	385	..	8.3	2.3	8.0
55	32	Aquascutum 'A'	51½	..	2.9	5.7	30.5
114	88	Beattie (James) 'A'	106	+3	4.9	4.6	10.8
81	40	Bentalls	73	..	2.5	3.4	20.3
62	40	Bremner	52	● ..	3.6	6.9	38.8
281	181	Br Home Stores	248	−1	8.6	3.5	15.6
225	150	Brown (N)	225	● ..	11.4	5.1	13.7
453	211	Burton	444	● +12	9.3	2.1	22.5
		Card (A) &Sons	..		0.7	..	..
79	58	Cantors 'A'	68	−3	2.9	4.2	6.9
50	26	Casket (S)	44	..	2.7	6.2	7.5
460	333	Church	460	..	15.7	3.4	13.5
97	47	Combined English	92	..	5.7	6.2	17.1
140	89	Courts (Furn) 'A'	100	..	6.7	6.7	5.9
629	524	Currys	569	−5	11.6	2.0	27.4
222	141	Debenhams	209	+1	11.1	5.3	12.9
115	82	Dewhirst (IJ)	90	..	1.4	1.6	18.8
574	422	Dixons	524	−8	8.6	1.6	17.8
285	90	Dunhill	275	..	4.4	1.6	15.9
83½	34½	Ellis & Goldstein	78	+½	3.3	4.3	12.5
380	260	Elys (Wimbledon)	380	..	10.7	2.8	18.8
114	88	Empire Stores	112	+6	1.8	1.6	28.1
148	113	Etam	145	..	3.8	2.6	24.8
48	27	Executex Clothes	30	..	..	..	3.5
80	47	Fine Art Dev	78	● ..	4.3	5.5	24.5
31	22	Ford (Martin)	25½	..	..	..	..
175	138	Forminster	151	● ..	7.9	5.3	8.0
152	102	Foster Bros	116	+4	5.7	4.9	12.7
194	88	Freemans	182	+2	6.8	3.7	12.7
87	77	Geller (AJ)	85	..	7.0	8.2	9.0
210	136	Gent SR	142	..	4.3	3.0	9.7
102	50	Goldberg (A)	57	● ..	2.9	5.1	8.0
219	168	Goldsmith Gp	194	+2	..	..	..
174	84	Gratan	168	+4	2.9	1.7	24.0
50	31	Greenfield Blacks	47	..	..	..	..
722	485	GUS	702	● +15	22.9	3.3	13.1
712	480	Do 'A'	692	● +15	22.9	3.3	12.9
404	252	Habitat Mothercare	386	● ..	9.9	2.7	23.4
234	128	Harris Queensway	214	+2	5.2	2.4	18.8
28½	18½	Helene Of London	25½	+½	2.1	8.3	12.4
191	70	Hepworth (J)	185	+5	3.7	2.2	31.3
30	22	Hollas	25	..	2.9	11.0	11.5
283	117	Home Charm	272	−2	3.2	1.2	33.0
322	218	House Of Fraser	312	+2	12.5	4.0	16.5
146	92	House Of Leroos	120	..	11.4	9.5	7.4
98	66	Jones (Ernest)	88	−2	5.6	6.3	23.8
54	23	Ladies Pride	33	+2	3.6	10.8	24.4
151	100	Lee Cooper	115	+7	5.3	4.6	4.9
400	144	Liberty	400	..	6.7	1.7	37.2
153	63	Lincroft Kilgour	146	−2	7.1b	4.9	9.5
137	100	Marks & Spencer	119	● +3	4.5	3.8	17.7
240	153	Menzies (John)	233	..	4.5	1.9	14.5
277	126	MFI	249	+1	6.8	2.8	18.5
143	121	Mellets Leisure	123	..	9.9	8.1	33.0
364	192	Moss Bros	330	−5	6.1	1.8	27.1
124	70	NSS Newsagents	100	● ..	4.7	4.7	11.0
330	255	Oliver (G)	330	..	10.2	3.1	10.8
188	125	Owen Owen	155	+2	4.7	2.9	20.1
100	83	Peters Stores	91	● ..	2.9	3.1	43.5
136	71	Preedy (Alfred)	104	● ..	5.4	5.2	19.0
73	38	Ratners (Jewellers)	58	..	3.3	5.7	26.1
48	32	Raybeck	37½	−1	0.7e	2.8	..
44½	18	Readicut	26½	..	1.7	6.5	7.9
168	105	Reed (Austin)	165	..	5.7	3.5	19.2
113	84	Do 'A'	105	..	5.7	5.4	12.2
25	18	S & U Stores	21	..	..	..	9.4
128	57	Samuel (H)	123	−2	6.0	4.8	32.3
97	68	Do 'A'	81	..	6.0	7.4	21.3
18	10½	Selincourt	17	..	0.2	1.0	21.5
228	150	Simpson (S) 'A'	228	..	6.8	3.0	14.9
178	116	Smith (WH) 'A'	164	+4	5.9	3.6	12.9
35	23	Do 'B'	31	−1	1.2	3.8	12.2
53	35	Stanley (AG)	44	..	2.1	4.9	18.3
130	71	Steinberg	73	● +2	3.1	4.3	5.5
148	49	Sumrie Clothes	80	+15	..	..	..
420	253	Superdrug Stores	388	−5	5.4	1.4	33.8
53	34	Tern-Consulate	49	+1	2.9b	5.8	10.8
44½	25½	Time Products	29	● +1	1.4	4.9	8.0
291	165	Vantona Viyella	282	+1	14.3	5.1	10.8
173	133	WW Group	152	..	11.3	7.5	8.0
225	101	Ward White	215	+2	7.9	3.6	15.9
153	95	Waring & Gillow	124	+5	2.9	2.3	..
158	115	Wigfall (Henry)	120	+5	..	..	..
619	338	Woolworth	601	+8	13.6	2.3	18.0

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
580	371	AB Elect	499	−5	8.6	1.7	28.9
121½	64	Amstrad	72	+2	1.0	1.3	12.3
187	29	Arlen Elec	36	..	..	..	..
385	240	Atlantic Comp	370	−5	3.2	0.9	23.5
46	17	Audio Fidelity	33	..	..	..	..
215	127	Auto Sec	165	+4	1.6b	1.1	20.1
280	208	BICC	253	+2	15.1	6.0	11.9
315	133	BSR	158	+3	2.1	1.3	13.9
436	243	Bowthorpe	433	+3	7.0	1.5	23.8
122	87½	Br Telecom 50p P	120	+2	9.3	7.7	..
95	62	Brown Boveri Kent	92	+2	3.6	3.8	13.7
30	21	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	28	..	1.9	6.9	33.3
334	100	CASE	274	..	1.9	0.7	32.4
510	288	Cable & Wireless	494	+12	10.0	2.0	20.6
405	255	Cambridge Elec	370	−3	9.0	2.4	21.2

BRITISH FUNDS

High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %
		SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
105.41	51.48	Treas	15%	1985	100.13	+0.02	14.981	12.347
102.83	42.42	Exch	12%	1985	99.95	..	12.006	12.102
97¼	93½	Treas	3%	1985	97¼	..	3.088	11.685
102	98½	Treas	11¾%	1985	100	..	11.495	11.646
99	86½	Treas C	8¼%	1985	98	..	8.919	11.915
104¼	99	Exch	12½%	1985	102	..	12.197	11.851
103	93	Exch	11¾%	1986	99	..	11.751	11.768
102	95	Treas C	10%	1986	98	..	10.191	11.857
93	87	Treas	3%	1986	92	..	3.232	8.621
104	95	Exch C	10½%	1986	98	..	10.630	11.619
104		Treas	12%	1986	100	..	11.925	11.497
96	93½	Treas	8½%	1984-86	95	..	8.860	11.590
109	102	Exch	14%	1986	103	..	13.490	11.563
89	84½	Exch	2½%	1986	88	..	2.819	9.305
107	100	Exch	13½%	1987	102	..	12.884	11.633
101	94	Treas C	10½%	1987	97	..	10.473	11.446
87	83	Exch	2½%	1987	85	..	2.918	10.213
101	94	Exch	10½%	1987	97	..	10.731	11.616
92	86	Fund	6½%	1985-87	90	..	7.202	11.468
89	92	Treas	10%	1987	96	..	10.343	11.615
88	81	Treas	3%	1987	84	..	3.648	10.179
105	97	Treas	12%	1987	100	..	11.896	11.808
95	87	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	91	..	8.492	11.180
100	92	Exch	10½%	1988	96	..	10.839	11.868
98	89	Treas C	9½%	1988	94	..	10.270	11.580
82	76	Trans	3%	1978-88	81	..	3.695	8.513
98	88	Treas	9½%	1988	93	..	10.184	11.797
106	94	Treas	11½%	1989	98	..	11.824	11.805
96	87	Treas C	10½%	1989	92	..	10.225	11.651
103	90	Treas	10½%	1989	96	..	10.923	11.641
100	88	Exch	10%	1989	94	..	10.603	11.659
101	95	Exch	11%	1989	97	..	11.297	11.709
85	77	Treas	5%	1986-89	80	..	6.226	10.341
		FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
114	100	Treas	13%	1990	105	..	12.322	11.518
110	100	Exch	12½%	1990	105	..	12.147	11.739
94		Treas	8¼%	1987-90	89	..	9.806	11.094
99	90	Treas C	10%	1990	95	..	10.770	11.731
108	94	Treas	11¾%	1991	100	..	11.758	11.768
84	75	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	81	..	7.199	10.198
105	93	Exch	11%	1991	98	..	11.340	11.645
114	99	Treas	12¾%	1992	104	..	12.191	11.774
100	88	Treas	10%	1992	91	..	10.827	11.817
101	93	Treas C	10½%	1992	98	..	11.124	11.843
117	95	Exch	12¼%	1992	103	..	12.049	11.904
117	105	Exch	13½%	1992	108	..	12.548	11.955
113	98	Treas	12½%	1993	103	..	12.056	11.811
79	71	Fund	6%	1993	77	..	7.863	10.329
121	106	Treas	13¾%	1993	110	..	12.480	11.870
129	108	Treas	14½%	1994	120	..	12.875	11.727
120	105	Exch	13½%	1994	111	..	12.389	11.889
114	96	Exch	12½%	1994	106	..	12.052	11.836
94	83	Treas	9%	1994	88	..	10.402	11.301
110	94	Treas	12%	1995	100	..	11.876	11.821
65	58	Gas	3%	1990-95	63	..	4.800	8.555
100	85	Exch	10½%	1995	91	..	11.155	11.613
118	102	Treas	12¾%	1995	108	..	11.376	11.678
124	106	Treas	14%	1996	112	..	12.405	11.879
94	85	Treas	9%	1992-96	88	..	10.500	11.284
135	118	Treas	15¼%	1996	124	..	12.587	11.811
122	109	Exch	13¼%	1996	112	..	12.032	11.822
121	104	Treas	13¼%	1997	110	..	11.994	11.614
104	87	Exch	10½%	1997	93	..	11.136	11.387
92	77	Treas	8¾%	1997	86	..	10.499	11.250
134	117	Exch	15%	1997	124	..	12.405	11.784
98	84	Exch	9¾%	1998	89	..	10.915	11.339
84	89	Exch 'A'	9½%	1998	89	..	10.905	11.312
78	68	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	72	..	9.494	10.824
138	123	Treas	15½%	1998	130	..	12.298	11.645
114	99	Exch	12%	1998	105	..	11.568	11.449
97	84	Treas	9½%	1999	88	..	10.736	11.145
116	103	Exch	12¼%	1999	109	..	11.558	11.390
104	90	Treas	10½%	1999	96	..	11.029	11.180
102	88	Conv	10¼%	1999	94	..	10.982	11.177
		OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
123	105	Treas	13%	2000	112	..	11.589	11.322
128	111	Treas	14%	1998-01	118	..	12.087	11.613
115	98	Exch	12%	1999-02	104	..	11.503	11.377
100	89	Conv	10%	2002	95	..	10.699	10.843
128	110	Treas	13¾%	2000-03	117	..	11.693	11.327
115	100	Treas	11½%	2001-04	107	..	11.071	10.984
51	43	Fund	3½%	1999-04	47	..	7.410	9.495
123	107	Treas	12½%	2003-05	114	..	11.128	10.938
87	76	Treas	8%	2002-06	81	..	10.112	10.447
117	98	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	106	..	11.026	10.910
132	116	Treas	13½%	2004-08	124	..	11.226	10.856
64	56	Treas	5½%	2008-12	60	..	9.410	9.928
85	72	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	77	..	10.005	10.165
124	108	Exch	12%	2013-17	115	..	10.517	10.443
		UNDATED						
41	36	Consols	4%		38	..	10.410	10.410
37	32	War Ln	3½%		34	..	10.276	10.276
45	40	Conv	3½%		42	..	8.439	8.439
31	27	Treas	3%		29	..	10.424	10.424
25	22	Consols	2½%		24	..	10.288	10.421
25	23	Treas	2½%		24	..	10.484	10.484
		INDEX-LINKED						
109	100	Treas IL	2%	1988	106	..	1.880	5.077
95	85	Treas IL	2%	1990	91	..	2.179	4.809
111	98	Treas IL	2%	1996	108	..	1.859	3.853
102	89	Treas IL	2½%	2001	96	..	2.585	3.577
100	87	Treas IL	2½%	2003	96	..	2.584	3.536
104	90	Treas IL	2%	2006	99	..	2.018	3.461
100	87	Treas IL	2½%	2009	96	..	2.601	3.351
106	91	Treas IL	2½%	2011	102	..	2.463	3.325
97	84	Treas IL	2½%	2016	91	..	2.730	3.302
95	81	Treas IL	2½%	2020	91	..	2.798	3.321

BREWERIES

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
179	138	Allied-Lyons	163	● +8	10.0	6.1	9.5
512	398	Bass	488	● +7	18.4	3.8	12.3
178	130	Bell (Arthur)	153	+3	6.9	4.5	8.5
43	28	Belhaven	43	● +1	0.5	1.2	21.9
86	70	Boddingtons	81	..	3.9	4.8	11.8
318	208	Brown (Matthew)	283	● −13	11.7	4.1	13.6
233	129	Bulmer (H P)	149	● +20	7.0	4.7	7.1
460	323	Clark (Matthew)	460	..	17.1	3.7	12.9
550	392	Devenish (J A)	545	● −5	16.4	3.0	15.9
320	244	Distillers	292	● +1	19.5	6.7	8.3
425	280	Forshaws Burton	420	● ..	13.0b	3.1	11.2
180	118	Greenall Whitley	177	● ..	6.4	3.6	12.5
180	140	Greene King	156	−2	6.4	4.1	12.6
245	118	Guinness (A)	232	+1	8.5	3.6	11.7
344	277	Hardys & Hansons	342	+3	21.3	6.2	11.2
88	53	Highland Dist	65	..	2.5	3.8	15.9
164	124	Invergordon Dist	124	−1	5.7	4.6	10.1
175	128	Irish Dist	148	..	6.0	4.1	..
68	48	Marston Thompson	62	..	2.5	4.1	13.5
197	189	Morland	179	..	8.2	4.6	10.9
453	253	SA Breweries	253	−11	..	..	..
141	98½	Scot & New	139	+½	7.9	5.7	10.4
34½	22	Seagram	£34½	..	..	..	..
		Tomatin Dist	..		..	..	..
276	202	Vaux	270	−1	14.4	5.3	10.9
228	128	Whitbread 'A'	216	−2	9.2	4.3	11.3
227	127	Do 'B'	216	+1	9.2	4.3	11.3
186	138	Whitbread Inv	182	..	8.8	4.8	30.8
288	204	Wolvrhmptn & D	286	● ..	10.9	3.8	12.4
280	225	Young 'A'	240	..	8.6	3.6	21.5

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
178	120	Allied Irish	128	..	9.0	7.0	..
101	71	Ansbacher (Henry)	75	−3	5.0b	6.7	45.2
383	257	Aus New Z	375	−5	28.0	7.5	..
18½	10½	BankAmerica	£18½	● +½	..	..	..
352	238	Bank Of Ireland	269	..	17.0b	6.4	..
13½	7½	Bank Leumi Israel	£13½	..	..	..	..
245	185	Bank Leumi UK	215	..	14.5	6.7	13.6
499	299	Bank Of Scotland	479	−5	20.7	4.3	6.8
587	434	Barclays	569	..	35.7	6.3	6.8
445	300	Brown Shipley	415	..	12.1	2.9	19.4
553	408	Cater Allen	503	..	41.3	8.2	9.1
31	21½	Cattles	23½	..	2.0	8.7	8.8
115	108	Chart J Rthschld	109	+3	6.4	5.8	13.4
43½	28½	Chase Manhattan	£43½	+1½	364	8.4	..
25½	19½	Citicorp	£25½	● +1	206	5.8	..
73	45	Clive	67	+1	5.1	7.7	12.2
49½	35	Commerzbank	£49½	..	6.0	0.1	..
111½	81½	Deutsche Bank	£111½	..	120	10.7	..
82½	62	First Nat Finance	79	..	..	..	8.7

FINANCE AND LAND

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
327	268	Abingworth	288	+4	1.8	0.6	..
180	120	Aitken Hume	135	−1	10.0b	7.4	5.2
225	78	Antofagasta	200	..	15.0	7.5	4.5
108	72	Barlow Hidgs	102	..	6.3	6.2	25.9
24	7½	Camellia	£23½	..	12.8b	0.5	..
340	75	Centreway	125	−10	1.4e	1.1	3.9
150	98	Hambro	148	..	8.7	5.9	24.2
94	47	Ivory & Sime	93	+1	2.9	3.1	21.7
120	74	Majedie	120	..	5.4	4.5	21.9
170	105	Park Place	123	..	6.8	5.5	38.2

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FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
38	16	Alpine Drinks	24	● ..	2.6	10.7	..
283	142	Argyll	268	● +1	7.6	2.8	16.4
204	142	AB Food	194	● ..	7.3	3.8	8.7
194	140	Assoc Dairies	154	● +4	3.7	2.4	21.2
100	75	Assoc Fisheries	97	+6	3.6	3.7	9.1
577	417	Avana	569	+5	14.5	2.5	18.9
235	178	Banks (Sidney C)	220	+12	11.4	5.2	8.8
12½	8	Barker & Dobson	10½	..	0.4	3.4	18.9
258	203	Barr (AG)	230	..	10.7	4.7	7.4
176	85	Bassett Foods	145	● ..	9.6	6.6	8.2
90	66	Batleys Of Yorks	86	● ..	3.8	4.4	8.1
158	102½	Bejam	155	+1	5.4	3.5	23.0
83	63	Bluebird Conf	73	..	7.1	9.7	20.7
42	26	Br Vending (BVI)	41	..	1.3	3.1	12.8
125	67	Brooke Bond	125	+1	5.3	4.7	10.4
196	116	Cadbury-Schweppe	161	..	7.3	4.9	13.1
118	85	Carrs Milling	118	t ..	7.9	6.7	6.4
156	115	Clifords Dairies	135	..	8.6	6.3	6.3
150	107	Do 'A'	118	+2	8.6	7.2	5.6
510	403	Cullens	470	..	..	..	..
375	256	Do 'A'	370	..	..	..	..
211	107	Dee	208	+1	7.5	3.6	22.7
110	45	Fisher (Albert)	109	+1	1.4	1.3	35.3
204	148	Fitch Lovell	204	+2	13.1	6.4	12.3
301	173	Glass Glover	301	..	4.6	1.5	32.8
82	70	Global Gp	80	..	3.2	4.0	15.3
210	510	Hazlewood Foods	870	−10	17.5	1.8	24.9
384	202	Hillards	348	−2	6.9	2.0	18.5
70	65	Home Farm	70	..	4.6	6.6	7.2
409	352	Iceland Frozen	409	+5	..	..	..
200	142	Kwik Save	172	..	5.9	3.4	18.2
100	70	Lees (John J)	100	● ..	4.1	4.1	7.4
116	60	Lovell (GF)	60	..	3.0	5.1	..
581	314	Low (Wm)	560	+2	14.3	2.6	35.4
284	157	Matthews (Bernard)	284	+3	9.3	3.5	6.8
285	220	Maynards	250	● ..	14.4	5.8	16.7
95	75	Meat Trade Supp	80	..	7.5	9.4	11.7
216	142	Morrison (W)	190	..	2.8	1.4	16.2
48½	27½	Nabisco Brands	£48½	+1½	..	..	..
96	82	Needlers	84	..	6.0n	7.1	8.2
285	172	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	270	..	6.9	2.6	21.4
83	46	Normans	83	+3	2.4	2.8	17.8
224	180	Nthn Foods	216	● +2	9.8	4.5	12.2
174	110	Nurdin & Peacock	170	..	5.4	3.2	13.1
113	73	Park Foods	110	−2	4.3	3.9	14.1
138	73	RHM	130	● ..	6.2	4.8	10.5
398	216	Rowntree Mac	388	..	14.5	3.9	12.0
310	228	Sainsbury (J)	288	● +2	5.8	2.0	23.4
41	23	Somportex	33	..	1.4	6.2	14.3
481	305	Tate & Lyle	481	+18	27.1	5.6	8.8
244	155	Tesco	234	● +1	6.2	2.7	16.5
159	112	Unigate	149	..	11.1	7.4	8.7
219	135	Utd Biscuits	210	..	10.0	4.8	11.8
101	67	Watson & Philip	101	..	7.1	7.1	13.9

HOTELS AND CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
100	33½	Comfort Hotels	97	● ..	1.1	1.1	42.0
300	269	Grand Met	293	..	13.1	4.5	9.0
278	174	Kennedy Brookes	273	+2	1.6	0.6	17.5
275	182	Ladbroke	269	−3	14.2	5.3	16.9
348	175	Lon Park Hotels	348	..	10.5	3.0	66.1
81	50½	Mount Charlotte	80½	..	1.6	1.9	19.6
151	82	Prince Of W Hotels	105	..	2.1b	2.0	18.8
59½	32	Queens Moat	58	−½	1.9	3.3	20.8
415	271	Savoy Hotels 'A'	415	..	2.9	0.7	28.2
176	86½	Stakis	176	+3	4.3	2.4	17.8
161	84	Trusthouse Forte	159	−3	6.1	3.8	28.1

INDUSTRIALS A – D

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
131	98	AAH	128	..	8.8	6.9	8.3
288	204	AGB Research	232	+3	8.6	3.7	23.8
128	81	AIM	109	+1	8.2	7.5	13.1
376	203	APV	238	+2	16.1	5.8	7.1
82	45	Aaronson	78	+1	3.4	4.4	16.1
168	118	Adwest	152	..	9.6	6.3	10.2
373	200	A G I	330	..	7.1	2.2	21.5
95	76	Amber Ind	86	..	7.9	9.1	6.7
90	67	Appledore	87	..	..	..	..
290	168	Applied Comp Tech	255	● −5	1.3	0.5	20.1
32	17	Arenson	27	..	..	..	7.5
40	16½	Armour	17½	● −½	0.3	1.5	11.7
530	412	Ash & Lacey	412	..	28.8	6.9	7.4
28	12	Ashley	15	..	..	..	9.0
32½	8	Assoc Br Eng	13½	..	1.0	7.6	3.1
388	268	Assoc Heat	313	● +8	14.3	4.6	12.9
		Assoc Telecoms	53	..	5.3	..	..
21	14	Aurora	18	+½	..	..	7.6
21½	12½	Do 9% Prf	19½	● −½	1.3	6.8	..
233	123	Avon Rubber	223	● +3	7.1	3.2	5.7
48	26	Ayrshire Metal	31	..	..	..	31.0
60	27	BBA	54	−2	2.5	4.6	13.5
318	225	BET Dfd	315	+7	17.9	5.7	12.7
82	48	BETEC	60	−1	0.7	1.2	14.3
307	221	BOC	273	+2	11.0	4.0	13.5
634	402	BTR	597	+5	14.8	2.5	25.5
170	122	Babcock	152	+5	10.9	7.2	8.4
31	11	Bailey (CH)	25½	−½	..	..	27.4
350	238	Baird (Wm)	335	..	23.5b	7.0	10.1
175	116	Baker Perkins	174	● +3	9.2b	5.3	11.5
70	44	Benro Ind	62	..	4.7	7.6	16.2
14	2½	Barbican	4½	+½	..	..	..
		Barget	..		..	..	..
375	245	Barlow Rand	370	..	7.1b	1.9	..
455	405	Barlow Rand	405	−5	..	..	..
48	31	Barrow Hepburn	46	..	3.1	6.8	18.6
175	88	Barton Transport	155	..	22.9	14.7	3.0
305	148	Bath & Portland	295	−1	8.9b	3.0	19.8
73	43	Baynes (Charles)	57	● +1	3.2	5.6	14.5
200	130	Beatson Clarke	173	+3	12.9	7.4	8.2
81	52	Beauford	75	−1	5.9	7.8	7.5
390	285	Beecham	370	● +2	15.3	4.1	18.9
170	120	Belgrave	143	..	..	..	..
		Bellair Cosmetics	..		..	..	..
38	22	Benlox	33	..	1.4	4.3	6.8
117	82	Berisfords	115	● ..	7.9	6.9	6.4
219	157	Berisford (SW)	183	+3	14.3	7.8	7.3
335	240	Bestobell	250	● +2	5.7	2.3	19.9
378	282	Bestwood	330	..	19.3	5.8	17.3
285	100	Bestwood	242	+5	10.7	4.4	20.1
18	14	Bevan (DF)	15	..	1.4	9.5	4.0
308	198	Bibby (J)	285	..	5.6	2.1	18.5
154	128	Biddle	153	..	14.3	9.3	8.2
82	62	Billam (J)	81	..	4.0	4.8	5.2
109	48	Birmid Qualcast	90	+½	3.8	4.2	7.4
235	165	Birmingham Mint	215	..	16.4b	7.6	24.2
100	61	Black Arrow	81	−4	5.4	6.6	7.2
336	149	Black (Peter)	213	..	2.2	1.0	23.7
18	9	Blackwood Hodge	24	+1	..	..	12.0
204	122	Blundell-Perm	195	−2	10.0	6.1	10.6
90	54	Bodycote	88	+1	5.7	6.5	10.2
253	79	Booker McConnell	253	+11	10.0	4.0	21.5
215	141	Boots	185	+2	8.1	4.4	16.3
8½	5	Boulton (Wm)	7	..	..	..	..
238	140	Bowater	226	+2	12.1	5.3	..
20½	14½	Bowater Inc	£20½	+¼	..	..	..
178	114	Braithwaite Eng	116	● ..	13.0b	11.2	15.5
287	145	Brammer	282	..	9.6	3.4	22.3
56	24½	Breeway	48	● −2	2.3	4.6	12.0
82½	46½	Brengreen	63½	● +3½	2.0	3.7	12.8
41	24	Bridgend Process	31	..	..	..	..
120	69	Bridon	115	+2	5.0	4.3	7.8
104	73	Bridport-Gundry	100	● +½	5.7	5.7	7.8
180	110	Br Bldg & Eng Appl	140	● ..	4.4	3.2	11.9
133	78	Br Steam	126	..	8.2	6.5	12.3
100	57	Br Syphon	99	+1	4.3b	4.3	32.3
213	151	Br Vita	189	..	8.2	4.8	7.7
392	296	Broken Hill	369	−1	..	..	..
85	50	Bromsgrove Cast	82	+4	3.9	4.8	7.8
18	10	Brook Eng	11	−½	..	..	..
18	10	Brook St Bureau	66	..	2.9	3.5	37.2
27	18½	Brooke Tool	23	..	..	..	5.5
130	87	Brown & Tawse	125	● +1	8.0	6.4	12.5
29	16	Brown (John)	27	+1	..	..	..
128	58	Bruntons (Musc)	63	−2	5.3	8.4	7.9
440	238	Bullough	435	..	14.1	3.3	19.4
31	18	Burco Dean	18	−1	0.1	0.8	..
124	33	Burgess	118	−2	2.9b	2.5	18.3
63	33½	Burns-Anderson	40½	−½	4.2b	10.3	9.3
35	14	Butterfield-Harvey	20	+1	..	..	2.5
39	18	Camford Eng	30	..	0.5	1.7	8.9
340	253	Can & Saint Pack	325	+10	..	..	..
52	31½	Capero Ind	39	..	2.3	5.9	26.3
118	32	Cape Ind	33	..	8.0e	24.2	2.3
186	96	Carclo Eng	186	● +5	13.6b	7.2	9.7
129	69	Cartwright (R)	117	−4	8.2	7.4	7.3
33	20	Celestion	31½	..	1.4	4.5	13.8
14½	7	Central & Sheer	8½	..	..	..	19.0
60	21	Centreway Ind	26	−1	0.4	1.7	50.0
50	27	CH Ind	45½	● ..	2.8	5.9	9.9
94½	61	Chamberlain Ph	78	..	5.1	6.6	6.7
55	48	Chamberlin & Hill	51	..	4.9	9.5	6.5
605	400	Chemring	485	● ..	14.3	2.9	12.7
48	31	Christie Tyler	39½	..	2.1	5.4	3.0
453	286	Christies Int	453	..	12.9	2.8	21.1
42	28	Christy Bros	36	..	..	..	18.2
153	95	Clarke (Clement)	110	..	6.0	5.5	6.7
73	57	Clayton Son	62	..	4.3e	6.9	7.1
510	340	Cohen (A)	490	● ..	14.4	3.1	6.8

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
22½	13½	Alex & Alex	£22½	+½	100	4.5	..
23½	13½	Am Gen	£23½	+½	80.0	3.4	..
645	415	Britannic	618	..	33.6	5.4	..
228	163	Coml Union	200	+5	16.9b	8.4	..
263	130	Equity & Law	239	● +2	6.4	2.7	..
683	510	FAI	655	−8	17.0	2.6	..
538	423	Gen Accident	531	+1	27.1	5.1	13.3
695	508	GRE	671	..	33.9	5.1	..
545	385	Hambro Life	538	..	23.8	4.4	..
598	316	Heath C E	595	+7	25.4	4.3	13.5
250	132	Hogg Robinson	250	● +17	10.4	4.1	21.4
588	413	Legal & Gen	580	+8	28.6	5.1	..
37	28	Lib-Life SA R1	32½	..	..	..	..
722	436	London & Man	709	+5	24.7	3.5	..
285	185	Lon Utd Inv	285	+7	17.1	6.0	52.2
25½	25½	Marsh & McLen	£25½	−½	220	4.2	..
		Minet	242	+1	7.4	3.1	18.9
251	135	Pearl	£10½	+3	49.8	4.6	..
10½	7½	Prudential	510	+7	30.0	5.9	..
13	8½	Reed Stenhouse	£12½	+½	60.0	4.8	..
338	203	Refuge	305	..	30.0	9.8	..
583	398	Royal	536	..	33.1	6.1	32.9
360	209	Sedgwick Gp	358	+4	11.8	3.3	19.3
548	226	Stewart W'son	545	+5	21.3	4.0	19.2
443	353	Sun Alliance	418	−5	20.4	4.9	..
797	545	Sun Life	749	−3	25.4	3.4	..
275	158	Trade Indemnity	275	+20	10.7	3.9	..
603	327	Willis Faber	583	+5	15.7	2.7	24.3

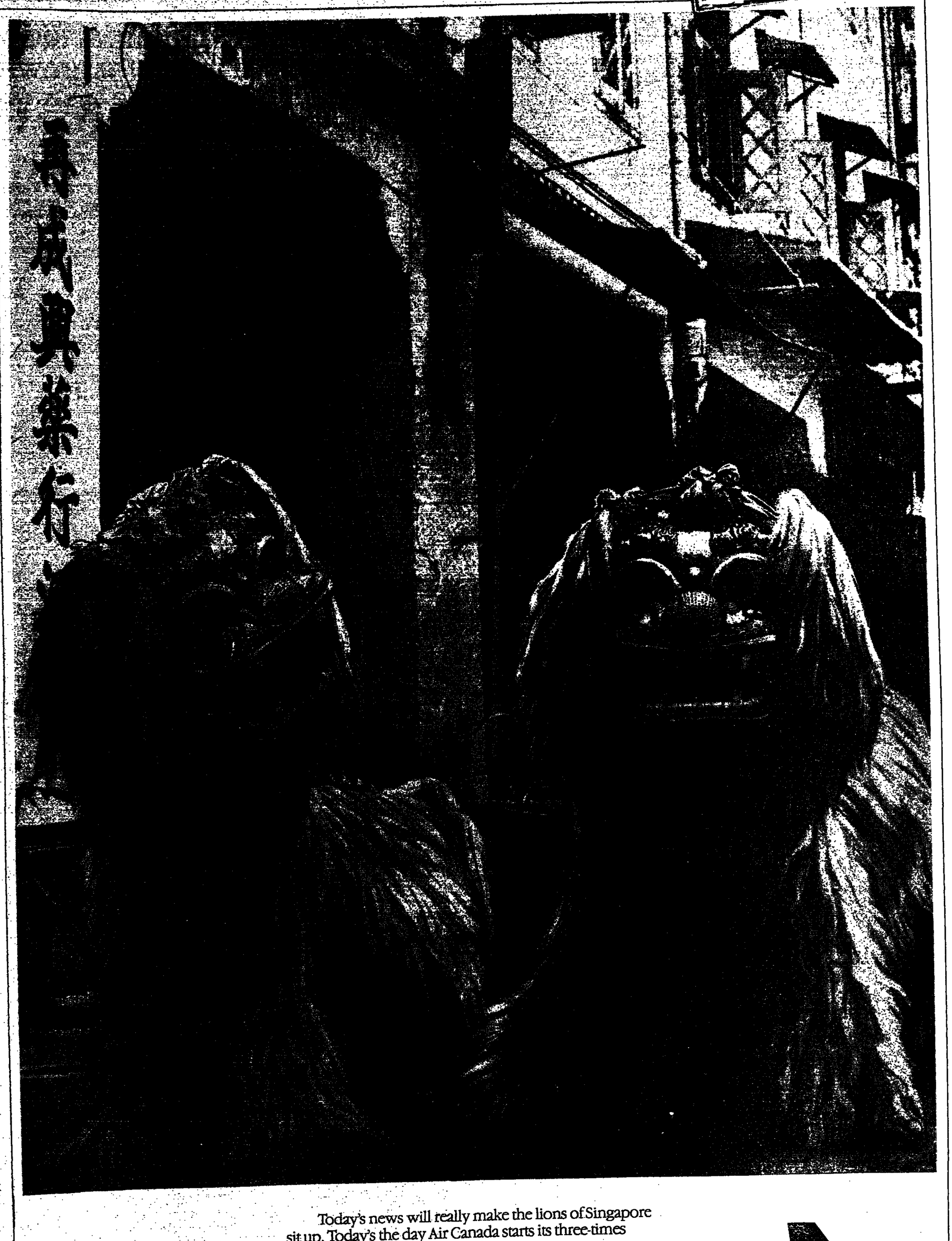
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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
263	175	BAT	351	+8	12.9	3.6	8.3
201	133	Imperial	194	+3	11.5	5.9	12.0
188	110	Rothmans 'B'	184	● +4	8.9	4.8	4.6

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Shares and gilts shake off two days of gloom

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

After two traumatic days of demoralized retreat shares staged a hesitant comeback yesterday.

At the close the FT share index was registering a 12.5 points recovery at 961.8 points. In the previous two trading days it slumped 33.1 points.

The more broadly based FT-SE share index was also stronger, closing 12.7 points higher at 1.2332 points.

The more cheerful atmosphere spread to Government stocks. Conventional gilts closed up to £½ better although inflation stocks were depressed by as much as £¾.

Equities achieved some sharp increases, with takeover favourites, often recovering much of the ground lost in the dearer money shake out.

Shares of Avesco, which makes equipment for converting TV signals, are now traded at 52p after touching 59p under the special dealing facility. The company decided not to seek a USM or over-the-counter share presence but opted for the Amsterdam market when it raised £1.2 million by selling shares at 45p. London dealings stem from its Amsterdam quote.

However, trading was often light frequent creating exaggerated price movements in relation to the business transacted.

Business slowed down a little in London Traded Options, although British Telecom contracts continued to pull in the investors. The market still tends strongly towards a belief in a yet higher BT share price, and there were 1,265 call contracts against 687 puts.

Commercial Union contracts stood out, with a heady 953 call contracts made against a lowly 9 puts. Market men appear to be looking still for a bid, or at least a share price surge.

On the FT-SE 100 contracts opinion leaned in the other direction, and 954 puts were made, against 207 call options. There was also strong business in Jaguar, GEC and GrandMet options. The GEC price is being backed to rise, with 733 call options made and just 62 puts.

Total business for options traders yesterday amounted to 10,987 contracts, 7010 of them call options.

Back on the equities list rumours of an American offer – accompanied by some US buying – helped **Lucas Industries** to stage a sharp rally, advancing 11p to 257p. Once again the suggestion that the American Rockwell Group is keen to bid captivated the shares. Other FT 30 constituents to make progress included **Allied-Lyons**, which took the trouble to announce "an important step in developing awareness of its identity" in America. The shares jumped 9p to 163p as the company disclosed it was to raise cash by entering the US commercial paper market and had been accorded an A1 credit rating.

BOC Group edged forward 2p to 273p. Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, held an investment presentation on the company last night.

British Telecom gained 2p to 120p and **Tate and Lyle**, the sugar group which has looked decidely vulnerable since it failed to win the Brooke Bond food group, rose 13p to 481p. The **P and O** shipping group experienced a calmer day, falling 5p to 378p.

General Electric Co. last year keen to bid for British Aerospace, gained 2p to 210p. BAe shares were suspended at 367p as the Government declared its intention of selling its 48.4 per cent shareholding and the company talked about a rights issue.

Oils were mixed as the crude spot price advanced a little. **British Petroleum** where US interest prompted by yield considerations was evident, strengthened 8p to 481p. The Americans also liked Shell, up 20p to 673p.

S Pearson & Son, owner of Royal Doulton and the Financial Times, showed a firm share price, gaining 20p to 621p as market men followed in behind Cazenove & Co., stockbrokers to the group. Cazenove has been picking up loose stock in the past week, and other dealers believe it was "knowledgeable buying". Full year results are due in April and the City expects around £95 million of profits, against £77.3 million last year.

Beers were mixed. Recent takeover favourite **Matthew Brown** fell 13p to 283p as the Whitbread Investment Co, which has often acted to preserve the independence of regional breweries, disclosed a 5 per cent shareholding.

Arthur Guinness and Sons gained 1p to 232p on its £70.4 million profits. Analysts were generally impressed with a presentation following the figures.

H. P. Bulmer, the cider group, advanced 20p to 149p on speculative buying.

Shares in newspaper proprietors raced ahead on a combination of news; the sale of a 15.76 per cent in **Fleet Holdings** by Mr Robert Maxwell, and a near 30 per cent improvement in trading results from Associated Newspapers last week.

Associated, publisher of the *Daily Mail*, jumped 60p to 588p, and **Daily Mail & General Trust** ordinary went 75p higher to 1025p, while the 'A' shares gained a similar amount to 1015p. Fleet shares jumped 16p to 226p, and there were penny gains for **East Midland Allied Press** and **International Thomson**.

But **United Newspapers**, which paid about 230p a share for the stake in Fleet, slipped 12p lower to 306p.

Booker McConnell shares jumped 11p to 253p yesterday as market men resumed gambling on the bid offer from Dee Corporation. The Monopolies Commission has reported to the Secretary of State on whether or not the share and loan stock offer can go ahead, and an announcement is due early next month.

But Dee's original offer has long since been left behind by the strong upward move of the Booker share price, and even if the bid gets clearance Dee will be thinking long and hard about whether or not to continue. Present market thinking suggests Dee will come back with a higher offer.

At **British Electric Traction**, the share price stays firm, ignoring fluctuations in the general market tone. Yesterday the price rose 7p to 315p, to equal its previous best level.

City men are beginning to believe BET will not go ahead with its bid for **Initial Services**, if it gets the chance. Instead, BET is now expected to get rid of of its 40.7 per cent stake and sit pretty on the cash. Shares in Initial slipped 3p lower to 518p.

Hartwells, the motor dealers, received a 3p bost to 37p as De Zoete & Bevan, the stock broker, put a "buy" tag on the shares. he analysts reckon Hartwells recent purchase of the Austin Rover franchise in the Bristol area could add 10 per cent to sales in 1985, and they were also cheered at a recent visit by news of the group's property developments.

BSG International, the old Bristol Sreet Motors Group, stayed firm, adding ½p to 22½p yesterday. Takeover talk has kept the price up in recent months.

Among motor manufacturers, Jaguar continues to please those shareholders who scrambled to buy stock at last August's offer for sale. The shares gained another 4p to 276p.

Shares in **Rugby Portland Cement** enjoyed another spree, rising 12p to 139½p as speculators moved into the stock. Market rumours suggested a stake being built up in the company by Australian investors or the sell-off of Rugby's Australian businesses.

But Mr Barry Hardcastle, finance director of the group, says: "We are not selling our Australian company, and we don't know of any reason for the share price movement".

Mr Hardcastle would not say whether or not Rugby as discussed the possibility of selling its interests "down under", and the group is now into the closed season on trading news. The year end was last month, and results are due in the spring.

Rugby keep an eye on its share register, just as most listed companies do, but Mr Hardcastle reckons yesterday's buying was not of significant volume. "It looks like speculative buying", he said.

Nevertheless, rumours of a stake being built up have followed the shares for several months, and the share price has responded with sizeable gains. The price now stands well ahead of the 100p level of six months ago.

The Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund stays a strong supporter of Ivory & Sime, the investment management group from Edinburgh. The fund now has 12.04 per cent of I & S, having added 1.63 per cent to its holding recently. I & S shares firmed 1p to 93p, close to its previous best level.

Shares of Sangers, the former pharmaceutical group which now has photographic and technology interests, are expected to return to the stock market within the next few weeks. The shares were suspended in September while the group, where Mr Tom Whyte, a financier, is a significant influence, took over an American cosmetic business.

Metals group **Amari** slipped from its share price peak, down 1p to 119p, as Investors in Industry and Samuel Montagu reduced their holdings. The latter brought Amari to market last July, and 3i helped put together the management buyout which took the company out of the British Petroleum folder in December 1983.

Samuel Montagu sold 2.7 million shares to cut its stake, held on behalf of clients, to 4.77 per cent, while 3i has sold just 50,000 shares and retains close to 9.5 per cent.

Trusthouse Forte, ahead of figures today gained 9p to 159p. The market expects profits of about £100 million.

Blue Arrow, the employment agency and travel group, continued to respond to its maiden results, jumping 25p to 173p. W. G. Allen spurted 13p to 38p as the company disclosed it was in bid talks. Sumrie, the clothing group, gained 15p to 80p on suggestions that a Middle Eastern shareholding had been acquired.

Stores were firmer with **Burton Group** rising 12p to 44p on the cheerful chairman's statement and **Empire Stores** came in for a speculative run, up 10p at 114p.

In insurance **Hogg Robinson** rose 11p to 250p on takeover dreams but **Countryside Properties** fell 6p to 222p as profits increased by 22 per cent.

Bid favourites **DRG** and **LCP Holdings** kept their share price runs going. DRG, the paper and packaging group known for its Basildon Bond products, rose 6p to 170p, and LCP, the industrial group, jumped 9p higher to 119p. Both have been strongly tipped in recent months as takeover targets.

No redundancies

Lloyds Bank has met union demands that there should be no compulsory redundances as a result of the merger of its domestic operations with the international subsidiary, Lloyds Bank International.

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **FRANK G. GATES:** A newly-formed company to be named Carroll Motor Corp, owned by Mr Gerald Carroll on behalf of the Carroll family interests, announces that certain members of the Gates family, including Mr R F Gates and Mr B R Gates (chairman and joint managing respectively of Gates), who own 4.87 million ordinary shares 58.1 per cent) have irrevocably undertaken to accept any offer announced on behalf of Carroll prior to Feb 8 for the whole of the ord. share cap. of Gates made at a price of at least 90p per share in cash. The company is currently holding discussions with the board of Gates to determine whether or not to make such an offer. Mr Gerald Carrol has confirmed his intention, upon any offer for the whole of the share cap. of Gates becoming unconditional to develop the existing business of Gates as an autonomous unit within the Carrol group.

● **CLARKE, NICKOLLS AND COOMBS:** The Beacontree partnership – Clarke Nickolls and Coombs and J. M. Jones and Sons of Maidenhead – is extending its interests in the US. Both CNC and *J. M. Jones have set up US* subsidiaries in both Delaware and California and there are three developments in progress – all being undertaken with local partners.

● **CONTROL SECURITIES:** Half-year to Sept 30. Interim 1.575p (same). Figs in £000. Gross rental income 197 (283). Pretax profit 711 (607). Tax 300 (132). Basic EPS 2.05p (2.43).

APPOINTMENTS

Advertising & Design Associates: Mr **Michael Charlesworth** and Mr **Michael Saunders** have been made chairman and managing director respectively, and are also joining the board.

Pilkingson Brothers: Sir **Peter Thompson** is now a non-executive director.

Magnet & Southerns: Mr **Gordon Brown** has been appointed financial director.

Ropner: Mr **Jeremy V. Ropner** is the new chairman.

Mobil Europe Inc: Mr **Patrick Wilson** is appointed president and replaces Mr G. J. G. Docters who retires in April.

THORN EMI Electronics: Mr **E. R. Hall** has been appointed managing director of the defence systems division.

US stock exchanges hold merger talks

By Our City Staff

The New York Stock Exchange has been holding discussions with the Pacific Stock Exchange about a possible joint venture that could include a merger of the two stock markets.

Richard Torrenzano, a vice-president and spokesman for the New York Stock Exchange, said: "The discussions have been quite serious but no agreement has yet been reached other than to continue the discussions."

Last week, the "Big Board" as the stock exchange is known in the US, confirmed that it had been having talks with the London Stock Exchange regarding joint ventures for possible round-the-clock trading, but industry sources said that because of different trading practices and regulations, a domestic link would be more viable.

At present, the New York market stops trading at 4pm eastern time, but the Pacific Exchange in California is open until 4.30pm. And many of the New York-listed shares trade during that half hour.

One of the results of the proposed merger could be a lengthening of the trading day. A New York Stock Exchange official told the *New York Times*: "The Pacific exchanges in Los Angeles and San Francisco could stay open until 7pm our time. Or we in New York could open earlier or close later. These are just a few of the many things that have to be worked out."

The mechanics of trading would remain the same for brokers and investors. At present, the Pacific Exchange trades 500 issues that are listed in New York as well as the American exchange and regional issues. Although the values of the seats in New York and California differ, officials involved in the negotiations do not see it as a problem.

These discussions are the latest in a line of recent proposals to be considered

Portuguese budget deficit reaches record £1.75 bn

By Our City Staff

The Portuguese government has presented its 1985 budget to parliament – three months late and with a record £1.75 billion deficit, up 32 per cent over last year, representing 9.5 per cent of the GNP. The budget was modified before presentation after the national planning council – worried that planned reductions in real salaries would cause more social unrest – put out a highly unfavourable opinion of the original.

In the budget, the government proposes to permit moderate growth after successfully reducing the balance of payments deficit from $3.2 billion when it took office in 1982 to $700 million in 1984.

The government plans to offer new incentives for investment and reduce inflation from the current 30 per cent to 22 per cent. It will try to prevent a further decrease in real salaries after admitting it has given the country an overdose of austerity.

Under the budget, Portugal will introduce VAT in July and the government predicts revenue of £3,842 billion. The tax system is being revised and the limit on minimum taxable income is being raised.

The biggest tax burden in Portugal falls on workers who pay withholding tax. The self-employed and professional people account for huge losses in undeclared taxes.

TEMPUS

Guinness looks good for growth

The transition over the last three years which has taken Arthur Guinness from being a brewing-dominated business with a rag bag of other interests to a brewing-dominated business with coherent other interests has been completed with considerable aplomb. Despite substantial rationalization and restructuring the group has managed to keep pretax profits and dividends moving up even though extraordinary items have taken their toll below the line.

Yesterday's preliminary figures revealed that this trend has continued with pretax profits up from £58.8 million to £70.4 million. Much of the increase came from a fall in exceptional items and currency benefits of more than £3 million. The reduction in reorganization costs is an indication that the reshaping of Guinness is almost complete and that phase two is about to begin.

This second phase is critical for the group's prospects. It is designed to expand the four main growth areas of international brewing and marketing, retailing, publishing and health and fitness. The aim is to ensure that these areas ultimately contribute about 50 per cent of group profits.

It is an ambitious objective but one which the group is confident it can achieve. The US and Germany have been specifically targeted for *international brewing expansion* and the sales improvements are already encouraging spurred on by demand for speciality drinks.

Retail expansio will come in profit terms mainly from a full year's contribution from Martin The Newsagent, acquired last year. It added only £500,000 in the year under review but there will be further benefits from the full integration with the Lavells operations.

A more ambitious project is the expansion of the recently acquired 7-Eleven convenience retail stores. If the concept of convenience shopping through an established chain in Britain takes off, the opportunities are enormous but it will be no easy task to convince shoppers of the benefits from 7-Eleven. Guinness certainly has the financial and marketing muscle to aid expansion and the group is confident that it can succeed.

Despite the focus on the new growth areas, Guinness has not neglected its traditional strength in brewing. The group has reinvested the productivity savings from brewing operations in improved marketing and promotion. The decline in draught Guinness volumes has been well and truly stemmed and sales increased in both Britain and Ireland. With a new advertising campaign scheduled to start in the spring this upward momentum could be maintained and, at least, defended.

This investment in marketing has detracted from the group's underlying profits growth. However, confidence in the group's strategy has helped the share price upwards and Guinness has now been re rated in line with other brewers. At 232p up 1p the shares look fully valued.

First Leisure

News that the predators are hovering over First Leisure, less than a year after flotation, is justification for Lord Delfont, whose company has frequently been scored by the City's well-heeled glitterati. First Leisure caters for love on the dole – in style. A range of activities embracing discotheques, snooker halls, Blackpool Tower, and 10-pin bowling is basic leisure fare. What Lord Delfont has done is to build on a cash business by spending heavily on the surroundings, encouraging the unemployed millions to dance their way through the recession.

Pretax profits are ahead from £4.5 million to £6.4 million, after stripping out property gains, and the group sounds confident of making about £8 million pretax this year. Cash is worth about £5 million, and assets per share come out around 170p, compared with last night's closing price of 258p.

Items here and there in the accounts testify to the strong corporate brew of the leisure maestro himself, Lord Delfont, aged 75, in combination with a striving young management. The dividend goes up just beyond the forecast 6p. The facelift at Blackpool Tower has helped hoist profits by 40 per cent.

Kenning Motor Group

Kenning Motor Group's results are a catalogue of woes, but as the bad news had been signalled at the interim stage the shares were unmoved at 99p. Pretax profits in the year to September 30 were 36 per cent lower at £7.5 million on turnover 14 per cent higher.

The culprits were the miners' strike – Kenning's head office is in Chesterfield and it is heavily represented in mining areas; vicious discounting of cars, tyres and car hire, which has cut deeply into margins; a 38 per cent fall in profits in Zimbabwe; and the loss of lucrative exports to Nigeria, due to the closing of markets there.

There were some bright spots. Kenning Fuel Supplies returned to profit. Retail petrol sales improved in profitability. Ireland had a much better year, thanks to US tourists' hiring cars.

The outlook for the present year is far from rosy. The miners' strike continues. So too does discounting and it is getting worse. Zimbabwe profits are expected to be down again by a significant amount, due to the shortage of foreign currency and high inflation.

Profits should show some improvement this year.

The maintained dividend gives a 9.4 per cent yield, which should help prop up the shares price.

CRICKET: FOWLER AND GATTING BOTH PASS 200 TO CREATE ENGLISH TEST HISTORY

Record breakers still not home

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Madras

There seemed not to be many batting records left by the close of play in the fourth Test match here yesterday, and who should have spent the day breaking them but England's much miligned batsmen? In reply to India's first innings total of 272 they have so far made 611 for five. Fowler scored 201 and Gatting 207.

England made 318 runs yesterday against mainly protective fields, fielding that was an appreciable improvement on Monday's and bowling that was never unarguably ragged. It is, I need hardly say, a mercilessly easy pitch. There is little pace left in it, and the ball is hardly turning. It is this that may yet prevent England from winning. They can be expected to declare some time tomorrow morning (today is rest day) and if India get anything of a start they could take a lot of bowling out, even in a day and three-quarters.

On Monday Fowler batted throug the day, yesterday Gatting almost did. Never before, in over 600 Test matches, have two Englishmen scored double hundreds in the same Test innings. Bradman, first with Ponsford and then with Barnes, did it for Australia, as did Simpson and Lawry. Mudassar and Miandad have done it for Pakistan, and Hunte and Sobers for West Indies. But not even Compton and Edrich, in 1947, did it for England. England's total is not yet their highest against India – that still stands at 633, made at Edgbaston in 1979. But they have never before had such a total on the board (563) at the fall of their third wicket.

Until Gatting beat it, Fowler's was the highest score by an Englishman in a Test match in India. So far as I saw, Gatting gave only one chance. A low and barely catchable one to Siva off his own bowling. More than once, on Monday and again yesterday, he must half have expected to be given out leg-before; but this was a triumph after many disappointments.

One of the first to congratulate Gatting was Peter May, chairman of the England selectors, who at one stage in England last summer had grave doubts as to whether it was worth persevering with him. The best analogy could yet be Bobby Simpson, who, once he has scored his first Test hundred in his 52nd innings for Australia, never looked back. Yesterday's was Gatting's 58th innings for England, his first Test hundred, at Bombay, having come in his 54th. His dynamic game is just what England need. He is as strong as an ox, has a good feeling for cricket and his best years lie ahead.

Monday's play had ended with Pocock padded up for the second evening running, to act as nightwatchman should it have been necessary. Yesterday a refreshed Fowler and a much more confident Gatting made 39 in the first hour and 36 in the second. Gatting was the first to find his form. Right from the start he played very well. For half an hour of so Fowler, by comparison, looked insecure. To make it harder for the batsmen to assume total command, Gavaskar slowed the tempo of the game right down.

Watching him do so, it was easy enough to see how, at times, India bowled only 10 overs an hour when England were here last. Under the quite excellent regulation which requires a minimum number of overs to be bowled in a day, India were obliged now to tot up 80 – and there was no chance that the light would go yesterday before they had done so. There is a good hour's more daylight in Madras than in Calcutta. Even so, they took over six hours about it, this despite the spinners bowling a majority of them.

India, in fact, bowled consistently better than they had on Monday. Kapil Dev began with an admirable spell, with a ball that was still fairly new, and Siva was never to be treated lightly. The batsmen, therefore, had to work for their runs. The crowd, numbering some 25,000, were wonderfully generous, welcoming each landmark almost as though it was India who had passed it. The first of these came when Fowler reached 180. Until then Amiss's 179 at Delhi in 1976-77 had been the highest individual score by an Englishman in India. Before lunch the nearest thing to a chance was when Fowler, then 160, edged a ball from Siva past Kirmani's chest.

Early in the afternoon Fowler pulled and then on drove Yadav for two towering sixes in the same over. Next, Gatting went to his hundred: and soon their partnership had broken the record for England's second wicket against India, held previously by Amiss and Edrich with 221 in the Lords's Test of 1974.

Until a breeze blew up off the sea the day was very hot. But India, to their credit, showed few signs of wilting, and 55 minutes after lunch they had the consolation of the wicket, of Fowler, caught behind off a ball from Kapil Dev which left him off the pitch. Fowler had batted for nine hours 25 minutes (an hour longer than Amiss for his 179), faced 411 balls and hit three sixes, 21 fours and one five. He and Gatting had added 241 in 72.3 overs.

By now India were under the command of Amarnath, Gavaskar being off the field from lunchtime onwards with an allergy which was soon being known as Fowlergy. As Gatting had been on Monday, Lamb was sometime getting off the mark. By the time he was bowled, though, taking a great heave off Amarnath, he had scored 62 of a third-wicket partnership of 144. Ten overs were left and it was a trifle disappointing that Gower thought it right to send in first Edmonds, when Lamb was out, and then Foster, when eventually Gatting was out, even if their intention was to attack. In the end, when Foster was out, Gower appeared himself.

It was nice for India that they took a late trick or two. They deserved to. Having just reached his double hundred and passed Fowler's score with the same stroke, Gatting was caught on the long-on boundary. He had gone from 192 to 198 with two of those awful reverse sweeps. His innings had lasted for 506 minutes and included 20 fours and three sixes. He faced 308 balls and was cheered in all the way, wet through but very happy. So was I.



Sweeping gesture: Gatting's expansive innings prospers at Shastri's expense

INDIA: First Innings 272 (M S Amarnath 78, Kapil Dev 53; N A Foster 6 for 104)

ENGLAND: First Innings

G Fowler c Kirmani b Kapil Dev	201
R T Robinson c Kirmani b Shivaramakrishnan	74
M W Gatting c sub b Shastri	207
A J Lamb b Amarnath	62
P H Edmonds not out	15
N A Foster b Amarnath	5
D I Gower not out	6
Extras (b-8, l-b-19, n-b-17)	42
Total (5 wkts)	611

C S Cowdrey, †P R Downton, †P I Pocock and N G Cowans to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-178 2-419, 3-563, 4-599, 5-604.

BOWLING (to date): Kapil Dev 33-5-111-1; Sharma 18-0-95-0; Shivaramakrishnan 44-6-145-1; Yadav 23-4-76-0; Shastri 40-7-123-1; Amarnath 12-1-36-2.

No-balls debited to bowlers' analyses.

Umpires: M Y Gupte and V K Ramaswamy.

Test match twin doubles

There have been five previous occasions when two batsmen have both scored double centuries in the same Test innings. They are:

1934: W H Ponsford (266) and D G Bradman (244), Australia v England, The Oval

1946-47: S G Barnes (234) and D G Bradman (234), Australia v England, Sydney

1957-58: G S Sobers (365 not out) and C C Hunte (260), West Indies v Pakistan, Kingston

1964-65: W M Lawry (210) and R B Simpson (201), Australia v West Indies, Bridgetown

1982-83: Javed Miandad (208 not out), Pakistan v India, Hyderabad

Qasim Omar scored 210 and Mudassar Nazar 199 for Pakistan v India at Faisalabd in October 1984. England's previous best in this respect was against Australia at The Oval in 1938, when Len Hutton scored 364, then the highest individual Test score. Maurice Leyland 187 and Joe Hardstaff 169 not out when the innings was declared closed at 903 for seven.

FOOTBALL: SUPER CUP TEST FOR ENGLISH CHAMPIONS

Return of Lee should provide fillip for Liverpool midfield

The inclusion of Sammy Lee in Liverpool's squad for their European Super Cup match against Juventus in Turin tonight is heartening news for club and country.

Lee, out for almost two months following a knee ligament operation, will bolster a Liverpool midfield who have still to fully adjust to the loss of Souness. With Robson out for six weeks, England may also need to call up Lee for the World Cup match against Northern Ireland on February 27.

Liverpool will be without Dalglish, who is serving a three-match European suspension after being sent off in a European Cup tie against Benfica in November.

Every possible effort is being made in Turin to make sure that tonight's game goes ahead.

Snow-clearing machinery is being used today to remove the 20 centimetres of snow that fell on Monday night. Further snow this afternoon or this evening, would put the match in jeopardy. The Italian club also plan to spray the pitch with chemicals to prevent it freezing.

Juventus, the Italian league champions, will be at full strength tonight with Platini, Rossi and Boniek all likely to play.

Coincidentally, neither side completed their match last weekend. Juventus's home match against Lazio had to be abandoned after 23 minutes because of a frozen pitch, and Liverpool's game with Sunderland was stopped at half-time for similar reasons.

Neil Warnock, the Burton Albion manager, believes his side of part-timers stand a better chance against Leicester in this afternoon's FA Cup third-round re-match if the pitch at neutral Coventry is in reasonably good condition.

"Some people are suggesting that we would much rather play on a frozen, rutted pitch – presumably on the basis that a pedigree side like Leicester won't fancy getting knocked about in such conditions. Nothing could be further from the truth", said Warnock, whose Northern Premier League side were given a reprieve by the FA after crowd trouble in the original tie.

"Our most skilful players were the ones who had the most problems in the first match so I am very keen that the pitch at Highfield Road be as near perfect as possible."

John Deehan, Norwich City's leading scorer with 14 goals this season, is likely to be pressed into duty as an emergency central defender for tonight's Milk Cup quarter-final at Grimsby.

The former Aston Villa and West Bromwich Albion striker is expected to deputize for Dave Watson who injured a knee in a clash with Southampton's Joe Jordan in Saturday's league game at Carrow Road.

Bad weather has taken a heavy toll of matches scheduled for tonight, causing five FA Cup third round replays and two Milk Cup quarter-finals, at Chelsea and Watford, to be called off yesterday.

Frost and snow also caused the postponement of both of last night's league matches, at Walsall and Scunthorpe United, and of the Welsh Cup fourth round match between Wrexham and Barry.

● Justin Fashanu will be allowed to leave Notts County, two months after making a transfer demand. Ritchie Barker the manager said: "We've reluctantly decided to grant Fashanu his wish to leave. We have sent a circular to all football league clubs.

Bobby Robson, the England manager, was forced to abandon his World Cup get-together next weekend, when the Arctic conditions wrecked his squad. Robson lost more than half of his 23-strong squad in four of today's FA Cup third round replays and the Milk Cup quarter-finals at Chelsea and Watford were called off. "With so many games due to be played it was not possible to have the get-together" an FA spokesman said. Robson wanted the reunion before next month's game against Northern Ireland in Belfast.

TENNIS

Strict guidelines for US Davis Cup men

New York (Reuter) – Arthur Ashe stays on as the United States' Davis Cup captain and players will have to follow strict new guidelines regarding their behaviour and commitment to the team, Hunter Delatour, the president of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) said yesterday.

John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors have been formally criticised for their bad behaviour during last month's upset victory by Sweden in the Davis Cup final in Göteborg, and the new guidelines are a direct result of the way they acted.

Delatour said: "The team will be selected on the basis of ability, availability and willingness to represent the United States in a manner which will bring credit to the individual, the team and our country".

Delatour, who made no direct reference to McEnroe or Connors, added: "Competitive intensity is a quality which is enhanced by self-discipline and self-respect".

Connors was fined $2,000 about (about £1,650 at the time) for three incidents in Göteborg, and McEnroe was openly critical of the court condition and the timing of the event, held just before Christmas.

Ashe, who had received a lot of mail complaining about the players' behaviour, said: "The United States Tennis Association has now made it clear that it wants a better-behaved team." The players will have to sign a document agreeing to the new guidelines before the next team is chosen.



Ashe: retains captaincy

● WASHINGTON: Martina Navratilova, of the United States, won the 100th singles title of her career last night by beating Manuela Maleeva, of Bulgaria 6-3, 6-2 in the final of the $150,000 Washington Women's Indoor Tennis Championship (Reuter reports).

● ESSEN: Switzerland beat the title-holders, Czechoslovakia 2-1 last night in the King's Cup men's European indoor tennis championship (Reuter reports). Ireland lost to Sweden 2-1. More tennis page 24

RUGBY LEAGUE

Britain call Foy into their squad

Des Foy, the 21-year-old Oldham centre, was called up yesterday to the Great Britain squad for the two internationals against France in March, after the withdrawal of Tony Myler, the Widnes stand-off. Foy toured Australia with Great Britain last summer and already has two full international appearances behind him.

Ellery Hanley (Bradford Northern) moves from centre to half back in the 26-man squad, to take Myler's place and create a vacancy among the four centres which Foy fills.

The Rugby League have organized a parade of stars to celebrate the fiftieth Challenge Cup final at Wembley on May 4. A player from each of the previous 49 finals will be presented to the crowd.

Clive Pickerill, Wakefield Trinity's 27-year-old scrum half, has signed for Sheffield Eagles for a small fee and will make his debut against Keighley on Sunday.

Pickerill, a striking miner, was previously with Castleford and Hull. During his spell at Castleford he played in three cup finals before being transferred to Hull for £20,000.

He turned out for Hull in the 1980 Challenge Cup final and, two years later, joined Wakefield Trinity in a £20,000 player exchange deal.

RUGBY UNION

Freeze blocks trail blazed by referee

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The French authorities are to decide today whether the five nations championship game with Wales at Parc des Princes on Saturday can be played. It is a decision of particular interest to Steve Strydom, the referee who is due to become the first South African to officiate in a five nations game.

"It would be a great disappointment to me if the game is called off," Mr Strydom said yesterday. "If so, I hope the Five Nations will invite me back. After all, in South Africa last summer, René Hourquet, the Frenchman, took charge of England's two games with the Springboks and returned later when the South Americans were touring."

Mr Strydom, aged 46, and by far the best of South African referees, arrived in France last week. He was due to take charge of the game between Agen and La Rochelle over the weekend but the game was cancelled. It has been something of a shock to his system to come to a Europe locked in winter after training hard in the heat of Bloemfontein, where he is director of sport at the Orange Free State University.

Before leaving home he studied film of Wales's game with Australia, as well as the other internationals played by the Australians, and he also saw on television France's summer internationals in New Zealand. So he is well versed with the leading players of both countries though he has refereed neither before.

Mr Strydom officiated in two of England's games last summer, those against the Currie Cup B selection in Durban and Western Province in Cape Town. His handling of both games was sympathetic and it was not his fault that England conceded sufficient penalties to enable Schotz, the province full back, to draw the game with his fifth penalty in injury time.

He hopes to referee and English club game next week before moving on to Scotland, where his European visit will end with the game at Murrayfield on February 2 between Scotland and Ireland. That match at least is sure to go ahead whatever the weather if the famed Murrayfield blanket is working efficiently.

The weather poses no threat at the moment to Ireland's game with England at Lansdowne Road. The coastal strip around Dublin is free of frost and snow and the forecast for the weekend is favourable although the Irish rugby football union have invested in heavy duty plastic covering similar to that used at Twickenham, which will ensure that the ground remains in good condition.

Another chance for Scots to test key players

By Ian McLauchlan

There is little prospect of any club rugby taking place in Scotland at the weekend and the Scottish Rugby Union have decided to make full use of the undersoil heating at Murrayfield.

Prior to the Scotland v France B international, which has been switched from Aberdeen, there will be a game which will involve all the senior players and replacements. The game will take a similar form to last Saturday's exercise, with two squads of players, all of whom will have a game. Though it is not officialy billed as a trial is no doubt that the selection committee will welcome the opportunity to gauge the progress being made by key players such a Rutherford and Leslie.

The game will start at noon and will be followed immdeiately by the B international.

MacDonald leads

Neil MacDonald, the South African lock forward (University of Cape Town and University College), has been elected captain of Oxford University RFC. The new secretary is Adrian Welsh (Oundle and St Ann's).

● John Gallagher, the Metropolitan Police centre, has returned to New Zealand after only two months in the force.

Richards sets Sydney ablaze

Sydney (Reuter) – Vivian Richards struck a superb unbeaten 103 to inspire an emphatic five-wicket win over Australia yesterday which assured West Indies of a place in the finals of the one-day World Series Cup. Richards lifted West Indies from 25 for three to 201 for five and victory in the day-night game with 6.3 overs to spare. Australia scored 200 for five in their 50 overs.

Richards blended periods of aggression with more careful run gathering in an innings that lasted 122 deliveries and contained one six and eight fours. With Clive Lloyd he put on 90 for the fourth wicket after Lawson and McDermott, the fast bowlers, had dismissed Richardson and Haynes cheaply, and Gomes without scoring.

The stand was broken when McDermott returned to have Lloyd caught behind for 38, the 19-year-old Queenslander finishing with three for 30 in his 10 overs. Richards and Dujon shared an unfinished sixth-wicket partnership of 63.

Australia, who won the toss, made slow progress

Their first five batsmen all established themselves, but only Wessels stayed to play a lengthy innings, and was top-scorer with 63.

Standings

	P	W	L	Pt
West Indies	5	5	0	10
Australia	4	1	3	2
Sri Lanka	3	0	3	0

Next match: West Indies v Sri Lanka, Sydney (day-night), January 17.

Sydney (Reuter) – Australia bowled out England for 128 to win the fourth women's Test by 117 runs and square their five-match series 1-1 at Gosford yesterday. England resumed at 44 for two, and opener Janette Brittin batted well before left-arm seam bowler Denise Martin bowled her for 65, as England's last seven wickets tumbled for only 26. The fifth and last Test begins at Bendigo on January 25.

SCORES: Australia 232 for 9 dec and 153 for 9 dec, England 140 and 128 (J Brittin 65; L Fulston 4 for 53).

AUSTRALIA

G M Wood c Holding b Davis	21
K C Wessels st Dujon b Richards	63
D C Boon run out	20
*A R Border run out	24
G M Ritchie not out	30
S O'Donnell b Marshall	17
†S J Rixon not out	2
Extras (l-b 10, w 3, n-b 10)	23
Total (5wkts, 50 overs)	200

M J Bennett, R G Holland, G F Lawson and C J McDermott did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-103, 3-137, 4-161, 5-197.

BOWLING: Marshall 10-0-38-1; Garner 10-1-44-0; Holding 10-1-38-0; Davis 10-2-31-1, Richards 10-0-41-1.

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes c O'Donnell b McDermott	13
R B Richardson l-b-w b Lawson	9
H A Gomes c Wessels b McDermott	0
I V A Richards not out	103
*C H Lloyd c Rixon b McDermott	38
A L Logie c Rixon b Lawson	12
†P J Dujon not out	15
Extras (b 1, l-b 5, n-b 3)	11
Total (5 wkts 43.3 overs)	201

M D Marshall, M A Holding, W W Davis and J Garner did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-23, 3-35, 4-116, 5-138.

BOWLING: Lawson 10-1-32-2; McDermott 10-0-30-3; Bennett 6-0-40-0; O'Donnell 7 3-0-43-0; Holland 10-0-50-0.

Time nearly runs out for New Zealand

Hamilton, New Zealand, (Reuter) – New Zealand won the second of their one-day matches against Pakistan here yesterday, taking a 2-0 lead in the four-match series. New Zealand, set to score 222 after Pakistan had reached 221 for four in its alloted 50 overs, reached the target off the penultimate ball of the 49th over.

● Imran Khan, who had played in only two of Pakistan's last 16 Tests because of a shin injury, is planning to join the team for the three-match Test series against New Zealand starting in Wellington on Friday.

New Zealand have chosen two spinners, Boock and Bracewell, in their squad for the first Test to exploit what could be an unusually helpful pitch for slow bowlers

PAKISTAN

Mohsin Khan c Smith b Chatfield	49
Wasim Raja c Reid b Coney	15
Qasim Omar b Coney	15
*Javed Miandad not out	90
Salim Malik run out	14
Mudassar Nazar not out	22
Extras (b 1, l-b 10, w 3, n-b 2)	16
Total (4 wkts, 50 overs)	221

Shoaib Mohammad, †Arif Dalpat, Iqbal Qasim, Tahir Naggash and Azeem Hafeez did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-62, 3-131, 4-160.

BOWLING: Cairns 10-2-58-0; Hadlee 10-3-46-0; Coney 10-1-16-2; Bracewell 10-0-51-0.

NEW ZEALAND:

*G P Howarth c Dalpat b Raja	5
J G Wright c Miandad b Salim	39
J F Reid b Raja	17
M D Crowe c Tahir b Iqbal Qasim	59
J J Crowe b Iqbal Qasim	35
J V Coney not out	31
†D S Smith c Hafeez b Tahir	13
R J Hadlee not out	13
Extras (l-b 5, w-5)	10
Total (6 wkts, 48.5 overs)	222

B L Cairns, J G Bracewell and E J Chatfield did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-38, 3-90, 4-154, 5-191

BOWLING: Raja 10-0-29-2; Salim 10-1-34-1; Iqbal Aasim 10-0-58-2; Hafeez 7.5-0-35-0; Mudassar 7-0-41-0; Tahir 4-0-19-1.

SPEEDWAY: Poole speedway and greyhound stadium has been put up for sale following the dimise of its controlling company. A creditor's meeting heard yesterday that Poole Stadium Limited has gone into voluntary liquidation with debts totalling £198,000.

ATHLETICS

Vigneron and Bubka set for high altitude duel

By Pat Butcher

Thierry Vigneron's current form points to another great battle with Sergei Bubka in the pole vault at the World Indoor Games in Paris this weekend. Unfortunately Pierre Quinon Vigneron's French colleague and the Olympic champion, is injured, which will deny Bubka, a victim of the Soviet boycott, his first crack at the man who took what should have been the Russian world record holder's title in Los Angeles last summer.

But Vigneron and Bubka have a fine enough history of record-breaking, either singly or together to suggest that another aerial dog fight is in prospect at these first World Indoor Games. A year ago Bubka set his first world indoor best of 5.81m in Vilnius in the Soviet Union, and the following month he vaulted 5.82m in Milan and 5.83 in Los Angeles.

That was topped by Vigneron at the European indoor championships in Gothenburg in March, when the Frenchman vaulted 5.85m, with Quinon on 5.75m. Vigneron was consistently over 5.70m during the outdoor season, but deferred to Quinon and Mike Tully of the United States in Lo Angeles, sharing the Olympic bronze medal with another American, Earl Bell.

Despite being denied his Olympic challenge, Bubka carried all else before him. He added five centimetres to Vigneron's 1983 world outdoor record of 5.83m. Then, prior to the Olympic Games, the young Soviet vaulter enthralled the Crystal Palace crowd at the Pengeot Talbot Games with another world record, of 5.90m.

In a cathertic climax to the independent circuit, in Rome, where Vigneron had set his world record the previous year, the Frenchman did it again – 5.91m. Gallic jubilation was galled five minutes later when Bubka vaulted 5.94m.

Now Vigneron is approaching his best form. He vaulted 5.70m in Paris last Sunday. That was in a different stadium, incidentally, to the Palais Omnisports de Paris on the Quai de Bercy where the World Indoor Games begin on Friday.

London still does not have even one centre with a proper pole vault run up. That is why when Bubka visits Britain next week for the AAA Indoor Championships, he will be vaulting in an RAF hanger at Cosford in the West Midlands.

● Daley Thompson returns to the British track for the first time since winning the Olympic decathlon in Los Angeles when he runs in the 60m hurdles at the AAA Indoor Championships at Cosford next week.

● PARIS: Czechoslovakia's double world champion, Jarmila Kratochvilova, will not compete in the World Indoor Games here this weekend, the organizers said yesterday.

● Bill Evans, a former chairman of the British Amateur Athletic Board, has been asked by the BAAB to head a working party to consider the best way of implementing a single governing body in the United Kingdom.

IN BRIEF

Lawless avoids risk of belting for Honeyghan

Lloyd Honeyghan, who knocked out Gianfranco Rosi in Perugia 10 days ago to win the European welterweight championship, has relinquished his British title. The Bermondsey boxer has two wins towards his Lonsdale Belt and is anxious to claim it as his own property, but his manager, Terry Lawless, sees no business sense in Honeyghan defending two titles for the price of one against Kostas Petrou.

Petrou will now meet the Southern Area champion, Rocky Kelly, for the vacant title before March 29, by order of the British Boxing Board of Control.

Pat Cowdell, striving for a second world title challenge this year, must defend his European super featherweight championship against the man he won it from in July, Jean-Marc Renard of Belgium.

BOWLS: Willie Wood confirmed his liking of the indoor game when he crushed Nigel Smith in the first round of the Tyne Tees Television best-of-three tournament at Darlington IBC yesterday. Wood gained revenge for a second round defeat by the Surrey teenager in last year's world singles championship with a 7-3, 7-2 victory.

MOTOR RACING: Ayrton Senna expects to return to England today after suffering from partial facial paralysis for over two months (Reuter reports). In a Brazilian television interview, Lotus's new driver, still showing signs of his illness, said he expected to be fully recovered in a few days.

SQUASH RACKETS

Jokesters and pokerfaces provide entertainment

By Colin McQuillan

There is a well established adage in doubles squash that suggests a successful team should resemble a good comic turn. There must be a straightman, who patiently and selflessly creates the context, and the moment into which the funnyman can deliver his punchline, in this case a blazing three-wall nick shot, or a teasing floating placement.

In the spirited and compelling finals of the Powetrain British doubles championships at South Marston Country Club, near Swindon, all the constituents of the theory were present, but the distribution of the jokesters and pokerfaces created unusually entertaining form.

The women for instanmce staged a marvellous performance, combining smiling skill and steely ambition with a cast apparently capable of exchanging the roles of supply and delivery according to audience reaction. There was no doubting the superior presentation of the defending champions Alison Cumings and Nicky Spurgeon, who retained the antional title 15-6, 16-17, 15-10, 15-7 in 66 minutes. But the award for best comic actress went assuredly to Karen Butterworth for a conning vaudeville backhand approach that took pressure away from her young partner, Tracy Cunliffe, surely a candidate for best newcomer, and allows her greater presence than might otherwise have been the case against the forehand brilliance of Miss Spurgeon.

The men produced two hours and 40 minutes of captivating competition by the simple dramatic ploy of casting both shotmaking comedians in one team, the adventurous winning combination of Darren Mabbs and Jonathan Dornish; while the defending chapions, Robert Forde and Cristy Willstrop, adopted a dual role of extraordinary straightness.



Miss Spurgeon: brilliant

Mabbs engineered such an inventive repertoir in answer to Forde's backhand pedestrianism that he nearly, but not quite, overshadowed the solid and occasionally scintilating shot production of his forehand compatriot. Both Mabbs and Cornish are just into their 20s took everything the defending champsions could throw at them before switching to a thoughtful counter-attack that brought them the championship with a win by 11-15, 15-11, 7-11, 18-14, 17-15.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

● All fixtures subject to postponement because of the weather

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup

Third round

Burton v Leicester (at Coventry, 3.0)

Postponed: Gillingham v Cardiff (new date, Monday)

Third round replays

Postponed: Arsenal v Hereford, Blackburn v Portsmouth, Charlton v Tottenham; Crystal Palace v Millwall; Huddersfield Town v Wolverhampton (all Monday)

Milk Cup

Fifth round

Grimsby Town v Norwich City

Postponed: Watford v Sunderland (next Wednesday); Chelsea v Sheffield Wednesday

Third division

Postponed: Derby County v Bournemouth

Scottish Cup

Second round replays

Raith v Queen's Park; Stenhousemuir v Stranraer

Postponed: Spartans v Inverness Thistle

Second round, second replay

Postponed: Inverness Caledonian v Berwick

FA TROPHY: First Round: Frome v Windsor & Eton; Worthing v Worcester; Weymouth v Chelsham.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Aston Villa v Derby; Blackburn v Stoke; Huddersfield v Barnsley. Second division: Bolton v Leeds (7.0); Port Vale v Middlesbrough (7.0); York v Oldham (7.0).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Postponed: Millwall v Brighton; Reading v Ipswich.

MIDWEEK LEAGUE: Postponed: Brentford v Northampton.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: United Banks v Forces Rest West Bank RFC; Lower Sydenham, 6.30; Oxford University v Army (2.30). Postponed: Royal Navy v Metropolitan Police.

CLUB MATCH: Postponed: Llanelli v Abertillery.

FOR THE RECORD

SKI JUMPING

SAPPORO: International 70 metre event: 1, S Sakaguchi (Jap) 224pts (86.5 and 93.5 metres); 2, T Maekata (Jap) 215.1 (89.5/88.5); 3, S Shima (Jap) 202.9 (88.5/83.0).

BOWLS

DARLINGTON: Tyne-Tees best-of-three tournament: First round: R Campbell (Teesside) bt J Ferguson (Eldon Square, Newcastle) 7-6, 0-7, 5-4; W Wood (Edinburgh) bt N Smith (King George Field, Chessington) 7-3, 7-2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

POSTPONED MATCH: Second division: Wakefield Trinity v Salford.

FOOTBALL

POSTPONED MATCHES: Third division: Walsall v York City. Fourth division: Scunthorpe United v Chester City; Welsh Cup: Fourth round: Wrexham v Barry. FA Trophy: First round: Barking v Staines; Bishop's Stortford v Bath; Slough v Harrow; Leytonstone/Ilford v Fisher; Welling v Slough United; Harlow v Wealdstone; Gloucester v Maidstone; Norden Colliery v Matlock. First round replays: Barnet v Dagenham; Woking v Dulwich Hamlet. Central Leagues: First division: Notts County v Coventry; Sheffield Wednesday v West Bromwich Albion. Second division: Preston v Rotherham; Sunderland v Scunthorpe. Football Combination: Millwall v Brighton; Portsmouth v Chelsea; Swindon v Charlton. Southern League: Premier division: Bedworth v Corby.

KOBE: Japan 3, Borussia 0.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Washington Bullets 101, Cleveland Cavaliers 91, Chicago Bulls 122, Denver Nuggets 113.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): New Jersey Devils 2, New York Rangers 1; Washington Capitals 6, Minnesota North Stars 3.

TENNIS

WASHINGTON: Women's indoor tournament: Final: M Navratilova (US), bt M Maleeva (Bul), 6-3, 6-2. Doubles final: Navratilova and G Fernandez (P Rico), bt J C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) and H Sukova (Cz), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

DENVER: Virginia Slims tournament: First round: L McNeil (US) bt V Wernecke (RSA) 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; A Villagran (Arg) bt E Minter (Aus), 7-5, 6-4; L Drescher (Switz) bt K Maleeva (Bul), 6-2, 6-2; P Louis (US) bt P Teeguarden (US), 6-4, 6-7, 7-5.

ATHLETICS

OSAKA, Japan: International indoor meeting: Women: 400m: M Johnston (Can), 54.58sec. 400m: M Rowe (US), 53.95. 800m: P Dragoescu (Rom), 1:48.76. 60m hurdles: M McKay (Can), 7.89. 1,500m: N Hilardi (Aus), 3:17.61. Long jump: J Grimes (US), 6.73m. Pole Vault: D Kennerley (US), 3.50m. High jump: G Avdeenko (USSR), 2.25m. Triple Jump: A Joyner (US), 17.08m. Women: 800m: C Cheesebrough (US), 7.38. 60m hurdles: S Hightower (US), 8.27. 400m: G Gardner (US), 50.55. 800m: D Mellroy (Rom), 2:02.24. 3,000m: R Wysocki (US), 9:04.16. 4 x 400m relay: Romania (C Doloczaru, I Koncsi, N Vonica, M Stanescu), 3:30.55. High jump: V Brown (Aus), 1.81m. Long jump: A Stanciu (Rom), 6.50m.

SNOOKER

DUBLIN: British Open: First round: Dennis Clark S Longworth bt C Wilson, 6-3; E Hughes bt P Watchorn, 6-4; W Jones bt J Johnson, 6-0; M Hallett w/o B Mikkelsen (Can) scr; Bradbury, Hull, Chesterfield; J Spencer bt F Jonik (Can), 6-0; V Harris bt D Mountjoy, 6-5; D O'Kane (NZ) bt J Campbell (Aus), 6-4; G Miles bt R Edmonds, 6-1.

TENNIS

Sweden lead Ireland 2-0: T Hogstedt bt S Sorensen 6-3, 6-2; J Gunnarsson bt M Doyle 7-6, 6-4.

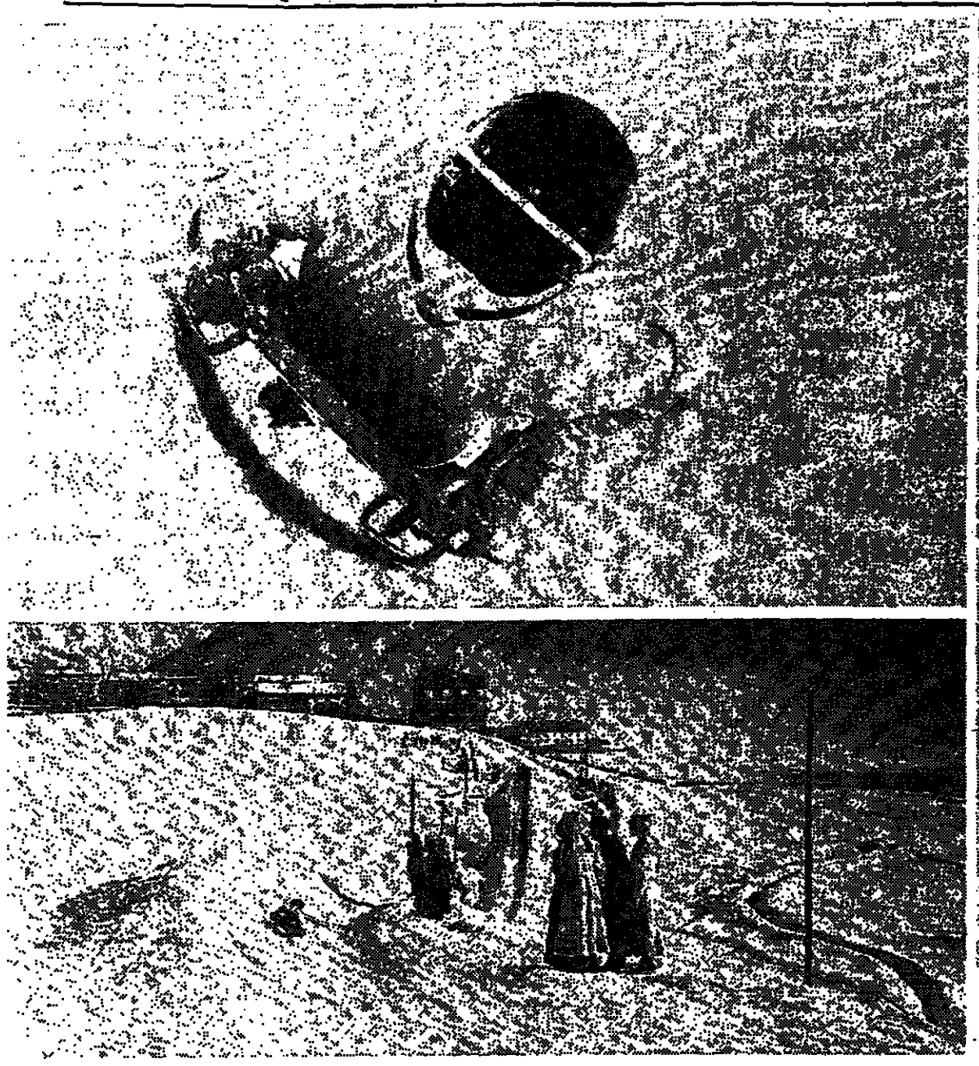
RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Postponed: Oldham v Bradford Northern; Wigan v Hull.

ORIENTEERING: The British relay orienteering championships in Clipstone Forest near Nottingham on May 4-5 will be sponsored by Prudential Assurance. Competitors will take part in teams of three and there will be 13 different categories.

YACHTING: The Australian vessel, 3CR12, skippered by Alan Fuchler, is in the lead for line honours on the third day of the South Atlantic race between Cape Town and Punta el Este. (AFP reports). Two South African yachts, Paper Pack Voortrekker, skippered by the experienced John Martin, and the 83-foot Apple Macintosh, also a hot favourite, were close behind.

Ronald Faux picks the hard way to celebrate a very English centenary in the Alps





Above: our correspondent kitted out for his first run. Top left: a skin-suited racer of today. Bottom left: a 1908 competitor rounds the bend called Charybdis

Between Scylla and the Cresta kiss

Face down on the metal tobaggan, the view ahead is blocked by a large Moon Boot. My name has been called and sent echoing down the Engadine valley. A single bell tolls ominously. This could turn out to be the worst minute of my life. The Moon Boot takes a pace back and the view revealed is that of a gun barrel in which I am the bullet. With a heavy rumble of steel grinding on ice, gravity takes over. I start to move down the Cresta Run.

It was the invalid English who, a century ago next month, first shaped the Cresta down a snow-covered pasture on the outskirts of St Moritz. The idea that a little light tobogganning would improve frail health was popular with the Victorians who wintered on the Continent. Long-skirted ladies and stoutly breeked gentlemen would slide at high speed down specially iced slopes.

Long before skiing was introduced from Scandinavia but long after the English had discovered the Alps, tobogganning became popular at Davos and then in St Moritz. Robert Louis Stevenson, a devotee of the sport, insisted that the best way to toboggan was alone and at night.

In 1884, a group of English staying at the Kulm Hotel formed an outdoor sports committee and early in November five men, their boots swathed in bandages, linked arms and tramped down the snow, laying down the line of the Cresta Run as it is still used today. The snow hardened, the banks were shaped and frozen and the run was born.

So here I go, sliding down an English institution and following the few simple instructions given at the top. Riding the Cresta is essentially a "deep-end" affair. The heavy toboggan, of a type known as the "skeleton", has a sliding seat which I am holding fully back so that blades on the runners give me some directional control. Spiked "rakes" on the tips of my boots dig furiously into the ice to hold down the speed. Even so, the skeleton is accelerating alarmingly and there are a thousand yards of twisting, plunging iceway to go.

Leather and metal guards protect hands, elbows and knees as the skeleton hammers between the walls of the run. Brake too hard at the top and your legs will be too weak to control the speed on the bottom stretches. The most notorious point, which I am rapidly approaching, is Shuttlecock, a sharp left-hander where lives have been lost and bones broken.

The angle steepens and the skeleton accelerates beyond my control.

Enthusiasts of the Cresta Run claim to represent the last of the true amateur sports. The St Moritz Tobogganing Club clings to its hillside rather like a final outpost of the Empire, full of excellent traditions and a sense of the right way to do things.

It is run with precision and discipline by Lt Col Digby Willoughby, a retired Gurkha officer whose voice echoes improbably around the Swiss countryside. There is risk in the sport, he admits, but it is far from suicidal. Clearly the most important aim is to ensure that only one man is in the run at a time.

Even so, things can go wrong. One rider started down just as a group of deer strolled out of the woods at the edge of the track and stood in it sniffing the wind. "It was horrific," one member recalled. "We could see the animals and the rider from the top but there was nothing we could do to warn anyone." Fortunately, the rider sensed something was wrong and rolled off his toboggan in time. The deer disappeared – as did another Cresta rider, who crashed and ran off into the woods, never to be seen by the club again. "We searched but found nothing, only the sledge. He must have lost interest", I was told.

Riders are quite often injured, particularly when they miscalculate Shuttlecock and "come out", cartwheeling and somersaulting to a standstill on top of the bank. Shoulders and fingers are specially vulnerable. One cheerful Cresta wife recalled how her husband had come a "frightful cropper" from the Upper Banks after his sliding seat jammed. "He was unconscious for hours", she said. "It stopped him flying Vulcans."

Shuttlecock – a sharp left-hander where lives have been lost

The world has become a rushing, swerving sheet of ice that appears to be hurtling past even faster because it is only a few inches from my chin. I seem to have no real control and my foot rakes are merely bouncing off the ice rather than digging into it. Battledore bend runs immediately into Shuttlecock, a high frozen wall over which many famous names have flown. My body is now well ahead of my brain and the skeleton is away on its own, leaving little for me to do but cling on. Together we grate wildly out of Stream Corner and into the straight.

It takes immensely strong legs to ride the length of the Cresta from Junction, where all beginners start, with the "brakes" on. When Clement Freud rode the run, he braked so hard he wondered whether he would be the first man to enter Shuttlecock and stop. One rider last week, worried about an old neck wound and the fact that he was on honeymoon, took two and a half minutes to reach the finish. They recalled another honeymooner who broke his pelvis and spent the rest of the holiday encased in plaster.

The women who watch seem to do so without any sense of outrage that the Cresta is an exclusively male domain. Many years ago the committee decided that women should not be allowed to compete, ostensibly because it was thought the violent shaking could cause breast cancer. Those intrepid women who really do want to slip through the net seem to manage it at the end of the season.

The straight is where the experts streamline themselves into the shape of a human lance. Some call it the kamikaze position, arms tight by the sides, head thrust as far forward as possible. They streak into Bulpett's, a more gentle curve than most, at up to 80 miles an hour. I am vaguely aware of people staring down from the road bridge that crosses the track, but the glimpse is fleeting. The noise and the vibration of the runners hammering over the ice add to the sense of raw, headlong speed even though I am still well back on the skeleton at a speed that is funereal by top Cresta standards. Scylla and Charybdis, two elegantly named curves, rush by and the toboggan suddenly dips away, accelerating into Cresta Leap.

...Falling off now would be hideous. The skeleton makes a good partner but a poor adversary. I would be lucky to get away with only a "Cresta kiss". Cresta kiss! Is there at last something soft and companionable about this sport? Not at all: a Cresta kiss is the effect of flesh being torn away by fast-moving ice.

Next week the entire run will be open from Top, with the tight corners of Church Leap, Curzon, Brabazon and Thoma heading the course, making a total drop of 514 feet within three quarters of a mile.

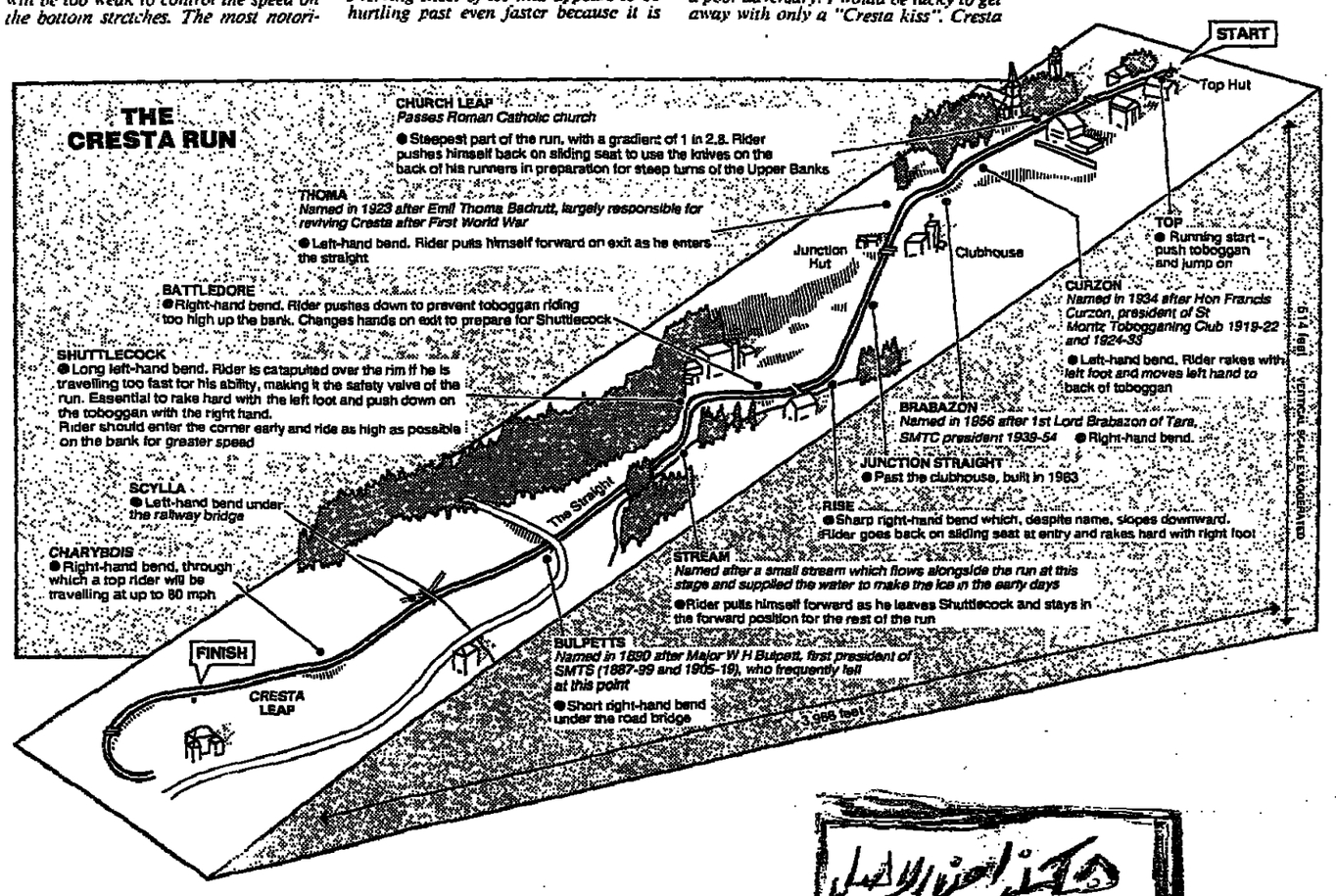
There was a time when the Cresta Run was the pursuit of the nerveless rich, but that has changed. The Shuttlecock Club, open to all who have fallen at the forbidding bend, numbers greengrocers and car mechanics among the stockbrokers and landowners in its membership.

Once the pursuit of the nerveless rich but times have changed

James Sunley, a 22-year-old trainee surveyor from London, is the brightest British prospect for years. Last season he broke the record from Top three times, only to be defeated by a local rider, Franco Gansser, at the end of the season. Cutting down the present times even by a hundredth of a second requires tremendous nerve, balance and co-ordination. And luck, too, on the day that the ice is cold enough to give minimum friction but not so cold as to be "sticky".

Sunley says: "It is relatively safe. Four fatalities in a century is not bad going, and certainly better than many other sports. A rider can compete against other riders, or simply against himself by trying to improve his own time. Doing that is intensely satisfying." Travelling at championship speeds, a hundredth of a second represents an extra foot of distance. A full second equals 30 metres.

Second time down the Cresta, I gingerly pull my weight forward and lift the rakes on my toes from the ice as the skeleton careers into the straight. The acceleration is tremendous, a glimpse of what an addictive sensation riding the Cresta could become. In the violent vibration before the final braking bends, the filling falls out of a tooth. Mercifully, it remains my only Cresta injury.



TENNIS: JO DURIE LEADS WOMEN'S RANKINGS FOR THIRD YEAR

Lloyd makes it to the top of British list for first time

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Jo Durie and John Lloyd lead the British rankings, which were announced yesterday. Miss Durie is No 1 for the third consecutive year but Lloyd, aged 30, has made it to the top for the first time. First ranked in 1973, he has made three appearances in second place: twice behind Buster Mottram and once behind Colin Dowdeswell.

Mottram, eight months younger than Lloyd, has dropped out of the rankings "because he no longer competes. "I had tennis nausea for a year," Mottram says. "I had no interest in the game. Now I'm getting bored. I would like to get involved in tennis sometime but not as a competitor." Mottram was ranked for 11 consecutive years and was No 1 for six years in a row.

Another remarkable feature of the men's list is that Jason Goodall, a Yorkshire lad who is still a week short of his eighteenth birthday, is ranked tenth. He is probably Britain's youngest top-tenner since Bobby Wilson, in 1952. Women develop faster. Annabel Croft and Amanda Brown were both younger than Goodall when ranked in the top 10 two years ago.

Other than Lloyd, Mottram and Goodall, the players whose rankings must invite comment are Virginia Wade and Susan Barker. Miss Wade was first ranked in 1963, at No 7. By 1966 she was second and she remained in the top two - including 10 consecutive years at No 1 - until she was listed third yesterday.

Miss Barker is at No 9, her lowest ranking since she was first listed in 1974. Anne Hobbs, first ranked in 1977, rises to second place for the first time. The women's list has been extended from 10 to 12. The newcomers are Julie Salmon and Sally Reeves.

By contrast, the men's rankings have been reduced from 16 to 12. The most notable of the seven players to drop out are Mottram and, after eight consecutive years in the rankings, Andrew and Nick Fulwood are restored to the list.

Stephen Shaw jumps from 12th place to second. Jeremy Bates, ranked for the fifth time, has yet to break into the top three. The men's list is stiffened by five players who have been on the circuit for a decade or more. Lloyd did not play enough in 1980 to earn a ranking and Dowdeswell, whose game matured in Africa, did not become eligible for a ranking until last year. The leading men in terms of consecutive rankigs are John Feaver (13 years), Richard Lewis (12) and Jonathan Smith(11).

Lloyd and Miss Durie are ther first recipients of engraved glass trophies specially commissioned by Moët and Chandon, who have also given each player 12 magnums of champagne. The new sponsors have also made grants towards the travelling expenses of particularly promising players. The first beneficiaries are Shaw and Miss Croft (£1,000 each), Mark Blincow and Joanne Louis (£400 each) and Goodall and Clare Wood (£350 each).

In an article yesterday, about the King's Cup competition I wrote that "Cox, 41, and Mottram, 35," had played the most singles matches for Britain. Somehow the word "aged" was later interpolated before the figures "41". By a coincidence, Cox has, in fact, had 41 birthdays. Mottram, though, has had only 29. Mottram may have retired but he is not ageing.

The rankings

Men

		World ranking
1	J Lloyd (2)	37
2	S Shaw (12	119
3	C Dowdeswell (1)	173
4	J Bates (4)	185
5	J Smith (5)	182
6	S Bale (7)	282
7	J Feaver (8)	396
8	R Lewis (11)	451
9	L Alfred (–)	464
10	J Goodall (–)	673
11	N Fulwod (–)	552
12	D Felgate (14)	673

Women

1	J Durie (1)	24
2	A Hobbs (3)	49
3	V Wade (2)	65
4	A Croft (7)	74
5	A Brown (5)	87
6	S Gomer (9)	132
7	J Salmon (–)	142
8	R Erry (6)	146
9	S Barker (4)	153
10	K Brasher (10)	197
11	S Reeves (–)	200
12	S Walpole (6)	214

(1984) rankings in brackets)

BOYS: 18 and under: 1, R Whichello. 16 and under: 1, A Brice. 14 and under: 1, M Petchey. 12 and under: 1, S Jackson. GIRLS: 18 and under: 1, A Croft. 16 and under: 1, C Wood. 14 and under: 1, N Entract. 12 and under: 1, V Humphreys-Davies.

Boxing: Thomas glimpses the pearl in a welter of nostalgia

Jones dives into the deep end in quest of his world oyster

There are some who believe that Colin Jones, like Willy Loman, in *Death of a Salesman,* has forgotten (to paraphrase Arther Miller) that the world is your oyster but you cannot crack it on a mattress. They point to his reluctance to leave home till three days ago for Birmingham to train for his world title bout against Don Curry, of the United States. They point to his uncropped hair and his A registration Jaguar.

They would throw up their hands in horror to learn that Jones was on Monday contemplating returning home to Gorseinon for a quick kiss and cuddle with his wife Deborah and his two children, and a run with his dog in the park. Much can be read into this thinking. They can be absolutely right or absolutely wrong in their conclusions.

In these days when theories proliferate on what is good for you and what is bad (the other day I learnt that slimmers should eat porridge), who can say that a year spent with Rip Van Winkle in the Catskills is the only regime for world title contenders? (Though Jones has done more than his fair share of running and taking his axe to the birch and pine of suburban Swansea.)

Certainly his manager, Eddie Thomas, seemed quite unworried about Jones's desire to see his family. And Thomas should know a thing or two about world champions, having produced two in Ken Buchanan and Howard Winstone. Thomas was quite relaxed. "Colin wants to go home to his family," he said, "and unless we are turned back by snow we can be in Swansea in an hour and a half. He's done everything. He's ready and looking great."

Thomas does not doubt that Jones will take the title back to Wales. "It will be wonderful because even more than Buchanan's and Winstone's titles this is the one I want. It is the title I should have fought for." And Thomas was on his way, not down the M5 and M4, but back to the good old days of Barrington ("That was another good round") Dalby and Raymond Glendenning and others, when he used to go devil's galloping home from school to listen to the next instalment of Dick Barton Special Agent.

"When Sugar Ray Robinson gave up his world title I should have been given a shot at it." Thomas said. "I beat Billy Graham [no Bible-puncher, he] but because of New York politics Graham was picked to fight Kid Gavilan. And Graham beat Gavilan. There was a protest and Gavilan was awarded the fight in the courts but the decision was later reversed. And when you think what I had to do to get myself that close."

Thomas beat Henry Hall twice, Ernie Roderick twice, stopped Pat Patrick in Johannesburg for the empire title and saw off Michele Palermo at Carmarthen for the European title. "I lost the British and Empire titles to Wally Thom and the European to Homez," Thomas recalled. "I was having difficulty in making the weight. I really wanted to fight Robinson, who wouldn't? But it never happened.

"I remember the day Turpin beat Robinson in London. I fancied my chances a bit, I suppose, because I had stopped Kid Marcel and Robinson drew with him. But Robinson was a middleweight then. That night I was sitting next to Fabian of the Yard and that great rugby international, Vivian Jenkins. I was introduced to Freddie Mills and Robinson and John Wayne. I thought Wayne was a tough guy; but he had such soft hands, I couldn't believe it.

"There were a lot of good welterweights in those days, just like there are today – Colin Jones, Curry, McCrory. I'm not saying it's not a tough fight for Colin: the champion's on the way up, not like some of the champions British fighters have met. It will be a hell of a fight."

After Jones has lifted the title Thomas intends to open a gym in his home town of Merthyr Tydfil. "I've got two new fighters: David Griffiths, from Cardiff, the ABA light-welterweight champion, and Robert Thomas, from Gloucester," he said, looking beyond the mountains to fresh peaks. "They will train there and I can put on shows there, too. Griffiths and Thomas will be boxing at Birmingham. See you there."

Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Crucial stepping stone as Marsh stalks title bout

By Srikumar Sen

Terry Marsh, the British light-welterweight champion, faces the most important bout of his career when he meets Peter Eubanks at the Britannia Leisure Centre, Shoreditch, tonight. Marsh has been promised a world title bout with Gene Hatcher, who is from the same Fort Worth stable as Don Curry, the world champion, who is in Britain to defend against Colin Jones, at Birmingham on Saturday.

Eubanks who is the only man to have beaten Barry McGuigan and recently had a good win over 'Smoking Joe' Frazier Junior, is quite an accomplished boxer who is coming in for his second wind. He has been told that if he wins he will be given a chance to challenge for Marsh's title. Generally considered a journey man, Eubanks could through a rush of blood discover ambitions to go far.

Dave Gorman, Hatcher's manager will be at the ringside to assess Marsh, whose trainer, Ernie Fossey, said yesterday "Because Gorman will be there I want Marsh to put on a good show. He should stop Eubanks in five or six rounds. Terry has developed into a very good fighter. He is hitting much harder now." Fossey said "Before, he used to hit you once or twice, but he has learnt to put lots of good shots together. He has been sparring with Sylvester Mittee and the two of them have done some really good work, some of it better than the stuff you see in the ring."

Marsh, who is a fireman at Basildon, is perhaps the most intelligent of British boxers in his approach to a contest. He said "Before I used to go in not to lose, but now I go in to win."

Errol Christie, of Coventry, meets a tough opponent we are assured, by Chris Dundee, in Gonsalez Montes, a Mexican American, on the same bill. Dundee, who is the agent in United States, of Frank Warren, the promoter, said "Montes is No 8 in the NABF and anybody in the top 10 is good, especially if he is Mexican as well. This could be Christie's toughest fight."

Christie, who was recently voted best young boxer of the year, and will be honoured by boxing writers at their annual dinner tomorrow, will be out to prove that he deserves that award. But he cannot afford any lapse of concentration, Montes had gone seven rounds with Murray Sutherland, a Scottish lightweight, who boxes in the United States, and is said by Ring Magazine to have an iron jaw.

Too confident Collins misses record

Those who were hoping that George Collins, a landscape gardener from Camberley, would equal Errol Christie's record of nine junior titles were disappointed on Monday (Srikumar Sen writes).

In the National Association of Boys Clubs class C finals, sponsored by Fiat at the Grosvenor House, the 17-year-old was knocked out in the first round by a young man from the St Helens club named, appropriately, Gary Stretch. All the same, Frank Warren seems very interested in signing up Collins as a professional.

Collins, who clearly has not the class of Christie, had won all his 73 bouts, and not one on a majority decision. He appeared too cocksure and started switching from orthodox to southpaw and back again. In one of these movements he stuck his jaw out too far and Stretch stretched him out with a perfect right.

RESULTS: 45-48kg: S Megson (Meanwood) bt L O'Kane (Hogarth) pts; 48-51kg: D Adams (Colchester) bt R Wright (Dudley) pts; 51-54kg: R Brindle (Livesey) bt R Guynan (Repton) pts; 54-57kg: D Oakes (Greenhalls St Helens) bt T Dwyer (New Enterprise) 1st rd; 57-60kg: E McAuley (Hogarth) bt A Staples (Pontypridd) 3rd rd; 60-63.5kg: S Foran (Rotonda) bt R Adams (Colchester) pts; 63.5-67kg: G Stretch (Greenhalls St Helens) bt G Collins (Pinewood Stars) knocked out 1st rd; 67-71kg: S Butler (Repton) bt P Wright (Salisbury) pts; 71-75kg: B White (Fitzroy Lodge) bt Munammad Khan (Smarston) pts; 75-81kg: P Lawson (Repton) wo J McBean (Small Heath) scr

BOBSLEIGHING

Anger and disbelief at doom of track

From Chris Moore, Cervinia

News, confirmed yesterday, that the bobsleigh track at Cervinia is to close after the current world championships has been received with almost total disbelief by the sport's top competitors.

Cervina has always been regarded as one of the best and most exciting tracks in the world since it was first opened in 1962, but the Italian Winter Sports Federation (FISI), who contribute half of the annual £170,000 running costs, have decided that in future all major bobsleigh events in Italy will be staged at Cortina. Despite pressure from the local Aosta Valley authority, who contribute the other half of the costs from revenue raised on the rates, the FISI have refused to lift what amounts to a death sentence for Cervinia.

The decision has baffled and disappointed everybody here. Nick Phipps, the British champion, said: "I couldn't believe it when I first heard. It seems a crazy decision, especially when you consider how highly we all regard Cervinia. It has always provided what really amounts to the ultimate test in the sport."

Phipps, after harbouring season-long aspirations of a top-six finish in the world championships, is now in danger of missing out altogether. A groin injury has forced him to sit in at the start for the first two days of official practice for this weekend's two-man race and a fitness test this morning, when he will push for the first time, is likely to determine how serious a challenge he can mount.

Like the other two British drivers here, Tom De La Hunty and Stan Tout, Phipps has also had problems trying to master the top half of the 1,520-metre track. But with the help of his coach, Peter Heil, the former West German champion, Phipps is confident he can get it right by Saturday, providing there is no reaction from his injury today.

Foursomes final

The final of the Johnnie Walker mixed foursomes golf title will be played at Wentworth on October 7 and 8. More than 100,000 club golfers are expected to take part in the qualifying stages of the event, which is in its second year.

HOCKEY

England to tour Australia this summer

By Sydney Friskin

The council of the Hockey Association have given their approval to England's tour of Australia as of their preparation for the 1986 World Cup tournament in London. The probable tour dates, which are subject to approval by the Australians, are July 10 to August 5, this year.

Pakistan, the world and Olympic champions, are unable to accept the invitation to play in the quadrangular tournament at Willesden from October 18 to 20. The new Willesden 85 committee had decided to invite them, along with West Germany and the Soviet Union. Pakistan will, however tour Britain from May 29 to June 13.

The management committee of the Hockey Association seem unlikely to stage international matches between Pakistan and England, although Wales, could be interested. Divisional matches against the Pakistanis in the Midlands or the West of England, could be considered.

Both New Zealand and Kenya want to play matches in Wales and England towards the end of September.

David Miller on the future of a historic shrine

Case for a preservation order on the Cottage

Forgive a moment of nostalgia. One of the dearest memories of my adolescence comes under the auctioneer's hammer today, so to speak, when Fulham Football Club sign a six-month option contract on the purchase of the freehold of Craven Cottage, where, barely into long trousers, I first watched professional football. The future of Fulham could be said to be a microcosm of the future of English football.

Tomorrow the club have an informal, exploratory meeting with representatives of the Hammersmith and Fulham council, at which should become apparent the extent of local bureaucratic allegiance to one of West London's oldest communal activities, held in affectionate esteem for 106 years, 89 of those at the Cottage. Can Fulham, trapped on the embankment like a morsel of beef in an unappetizing BR buffet sandwich by an increasingly hostile residential community, find an acceptable path *into the 21st century*?

The almost insoluble dilemma of English football is that its charm is largely welded to its history. We love it, even for those born in the past 30 years, by a process of osmosis, *because* of its history. It would make sense for Fulham to find a new home, perhaps south of the river, with adequate parking space, and with restaurant and ancillary facilities which could provide revenue on all those days when the pitch is easy. Yet would it any longer be our Fulham?

There are those who would say, and I have often argued the case strongly, that the only long-term salvation for soccer in our main cities is for shared stadia by clubs such as Fulham and Chelsea, each now hovering within shouting distance of bankruptcy along with the majority of League clubs. If foreign clubs such as Nantes and Hamburg can happily move to new modern stadia, why not the English? (Though try getting away from Nantes or Hamburg on the city perimeter without your own car).

On the other hand, traditionalists protest loudly at the threat to historic grounds, to United hob-nobbing with Wednesday. Terence Bermingham a Fulham fanatic who lives in Dorking, has written grandly to national newspapers' sports editors talking about "our cause" at Fulham, even though he has admitted to the chairman, Ernie Clay, whom he denounces in his letter, that he could not personally chip in more than £500 to help keep football at Craven Cottage. There are many who are happy to accept the money of such as Clay – or John Deacon or Irving Scholar and others – to subsidize their own pleasures and alleged loyalties. But prayer does not maintain the roof of St Paul's Cathedral.

The legitimate fear of Mr Bermingham and others is that, if the Clay family who comprize four-fifths of the Fulham board, acquire the freehold, they will then sell it to property developers for around £6 million and simultaneously try to re-site the club elsewhere. Mr Deacon has similar proposals for Portsmouth. The alternative sites for Fulham are the nearby power station site, on which Sainsbury also have an eye, and West London Stadium, owned by the GLC.

The problem is that if the Clay family, who own 75 per cent of the club and are said to be owed a £1.6 million loan, were to recall the freehold, the net profit to the club would probably be under £500,000 after deduction of development land tax, the initial £900,000 purchase from the Church Commissioners, the Clay loan, and capital gains tax on the residue. In short, it is not worth doing.

Clay has said that if the ground were re-sold and the club re-housed, with collaboration from Hammersmith/Fulham, the profit should be put in trust to protect it. The council might be well disposed to a residential redevelopment because rates would yield £10 million to £15 million over 20 years, and would remove the disturbance of visiting spectators, who vandalize cars and property, though to a lesser degree than at some league grounds.

Clay is now coming round to the point of view that the first and best option is to gain the freehold and then, on the strength of that asset, launch a new issue of unquoted shares which could raise between £1 million and £3 million. That would service his loan and most of the club's debts. Once Fulham are the freeholders, they already have approved plans for their own development of the south terrace behind the Putney-end goal, for 80 apartments. A similar development of the north terrace could generate the finance to make the club stable.

It is justifiable to ask, as Clay does, whether the priority is to save Fulham or to save Craven Cottage. Too romantic an emphasis on the latter could only hasten the demise of the former and it should be remembered that a survey has revealed that only 500 regular supporters live within five miles of the ground.

My heart is with the protection of the Cottage. Yet common sense argues that they can never again become a first division club surrounded as they are by the residential pressures of what estate agents prefer to call "Chelsea borders". George Cohen, former local hero, argues succinctly: "It's no good having a successful operation if the patient still dies. *There has to be change.*"

Gaining the freehold and reshaping the existing ground can only make it secure, I would say, as a second division club: and for how long will professional second division football survive?



Ernie Clay: on the horns of the Craven Cottage-Fulham dilemma

MOTOR RACING: TOLEMAN UNVEIL NEW GRAND PRIX CAR

Showing off a smooth bow tie

By John Blunsden

The car with which Stefan Johansson, the 28-year-old Swedish driver, will lead the Toleman grand prix team this year was unveiled in London yesterday. To be known as the TG185, the latest Toleman is based on a carbon-fibre monocoque chassis and is the work of the team's chief designer, Rory Byrne. It incorporates some radical new thinking in aerodynamics, especially around the rear of the engine bay, and at the front, where the wings have a "bow-tie" profile in plan form.

The car will be powered by an improved version of the British Hart engine, on which Brian Hart has been carrying out a development programme aimed at improving fuel efficiency.

One important element was missing from the car on display – the tyres on which the Tolemans will race this season. One of the team's last set of Michelins was used for the car's debut, but following the withdrawal of the French tyre company from grand prix racing, Toleman are as yet without a tyre supplier for the coming season.

Goodyear have said they would have been pleased to supply tyres had they not been fully stretched servicing their already-contracted teams, while Toleman and Pirelli parted company early in 1984 on less than friendly terms. However, the Italian company have indicated that they are willing to discuss the supply of tyres once again.

A decision must be made within the next 10 days to enable the appropriate wheels to be built for the planned test programme at Rio de Janeiro next month and for the team's sponsorship arrangements to be settled. Toleman will not take part in the earlier test programme at Estoril, but Johansson, who now lives in London, hopes to give the new car a trial in this country when the weather improves.

Toleman have been anxious to secure a British driver to partner Johansson and would have snapped up Martin Brundle had he not been tied to a Tyrrell contract. With all drivers having to be nominated by the end of the month, and as Ken Tyrrell has already expressd firm intent not to release Brundle, it seems likely that either an Italian or a Frenchman will take the second Toleman seat, with Piercarlo Ghinzani, who drove for Osella last year, and Francois Hesnault, who was with Ligier, the two most likely candidates.

Sport helps free Bradford from poverty trap

Bringing the worsted city back into fashion

By Paul Harrison

Sports promotion is one way the City of Bradford is trying to free itself from the bleak image of poor housing, dark mills and lines of cloth-capped unemployed.

In the face of a report from the City Council that parts of Bradford are "poverty zones" in which many *people cannot even make ends meet*, sports promotion may not seem particularly important, yet it does have a part to play in identifying the city with success.

Money from the Bradford Metropolitan Council helped to save Bradford City Football Club from extinction and today the club sits proudly at the head of the third division table.

More than £1m is being spent on renovating Odsal Stadium in Bradford, so that the world speedway championship can find a fitting home there next August. Promotion of sport is a strand in the skein Bradford, once "Worstedopolis," the wool capital of the world, is using to manufacture its own revival.

Attraction of new industry is a priority, but what city in Britain is not trying to do the same? Then there is tourism, cashing in on the mystique of the Bronte sisters, who lived nearby in Haworth, and in the lonely beauty of the moors they knew.

Promotion of jobs, tourism, the development of conference facilities and sports sponsorship are all the concern of the local council's Economic Development Unit – the Mythbreakers they call themselves.

The reality is stark enough. The council's own report on Bradford last autumn revealed more than one third of all families living on state benefit; living conditions that mean a two-year shorter life span than the national average and unemployment in some inner city areas as high as 50%.

The sports sponsorship programme is one of the more positive aspects: including the backing of a local golfer, Stephen Bottomley, from Shipley: the sponsorship of a car rally, which will begin and end in the city; and support for the National League men's and women's volleyball teams, which play under the name of Bradford Mythbreakers.

MOTOR RALLYING

Monte Carlo feels pinch

Monaco (Agencies) – The protracted dispute over the Monte Carlo Rally has led to a sharp drop in the number of entries, according to figures released by the organizers yesterday. A total of 134 entries have been registered for this year's race, which starts on January 26, compared with 236 last year, an Automobile Club of Monaco (ACM) official said. The figure was not final and some entries might not actually take part in the race, the official added.

The defending champion, Walter Roehrl of West Germany, will seek his fifth victory, driving an Audi Quattro for the second year. Audi, who took the first three places in 1984, enter just two cars this time.

They are expected to face stiff opposition from the Peugeot 205's, which are being driven by Ari Vatanen and Timo Salonen of Finland and Bruno Saby of France.

The organizers said on December 27 they were cancelling the race but reversed the decision the next day after the French Motor Sports Federation withdrew a demand for an unprecedented levy of one million francs (about £95,000) for using French roads.

Buffalo slow to meet the bill



Small wonder: Doug Flutie looks for the big play

The man with the golden arm and billion-dollar brain

SPORT IN AMERICA
Sue Mott

Richard Flutie had a very hot property and a powerful problem. The property in question was his 22-year-old son, Doug, a former Boston College quarterback whose last-second, 64-yard touchdown pass beat Miami University and made him an instant star on national television. And the problem was the 69 agents who promptly rush forward to represent him.

Flutie senior considered his son's first professional contract of crucial importance to a happy Flutie future, and so he did what any other modern, high-tech, American parent would do – he used his computer. The result is that young Doug – at 5ft 9¾in almost dwarfishly small for a professional quarterback – is on the brink of making history with the largest ever American football contract, for a first-year player, an estimated $1.3 million dollars a year.

Richard Flutie, a Boston microchip technician, knew how to deal with the on-rush of agents. He fed them to his personal computer. "Basically, I ranked each prospect agent in weighted categories form one to 10", he said. "Things like expertise in direct negotiation with the National Football League, tax expertise, personal chemistry and one called 'rough around the edges' which was to weed out the fast-talkers. I didn't want anyone who would get angry during negitiations, I wanted a professional with high intergrity and experience."

He also had a category, now obligatory for budding sports stars in the States, called 'entertainment connections'. Doug Flutie may be short for a quarterback but he is long on those qualities that may soon stamp his groomed and chiselled features on every billboard and cereal packet in the country. "He's the epitome of a candidate most likely to get commercial endorsements", a New York marketing man raved. "This is exactly the kind of kid everyone's looking for."

Indeed, he is. Dark, handsome, wholesome, member of Students against Drunk Driving, guest on Bob Hope's Christmas Special and winner of the 1984 Heisman Trophy awarded to the best college player of the year: these qualities accounted for the 69 agents, but Richard Flutie's computer accounted for all but one of them. The exception was Bob Woolf, a Boston attorney who immediately launched into discussions with the United States Football League club, the New Jersey Generals, owned by the real estate mogul, Donald Trump. Mr Woolf belied his name and vindicated the computer printout by saying: "Everything in the world will open up to Flutie. It's going to be up to the person who represents him to protect him from too much commercialization."

Dad and his computer, however, seemed not of the same beat. Having found the perfect agent, the machine was then asked to figure the most profitable contract. It examined the contract of every player in the NFL drafts for 1982 and 1983 and made the singular discovery that total contract values could be utterly distorted by deferred payments, inflation, interest rates and tax.

Flutie computed that the incredible 40-year $40-million contract to the Los Angeles Express quarterback, Steve Young, actually cost the club a proportionally miniscules $6.4 million and he concluded that any son of his would have all the money up-front. Further, it would have to be guaranteed by the team owner not the club itself, which, if a member of the fledgling USFL, was likely to have the collapsibility of a spokeless umbrella.

Clearly dad prevailed. In the most recent revelations of the attempts to make Flutie junior a millionaire, Woolf declared: "The Generals' situation is so extraordinary that it looks like that's where we'll be." An even more ecstatic response to the Generals' $5-million four-year contract offer came from Doug himself: "Geez Dad, the NFL isn't going to touch that." According to eyewitnesses (every Flutie word is quoted daily, verbatim and ad nauseam in the New York newspapers) his father slapped him on the shoulder and replied: "The NFL is going to have to put up or shut up."

In fact, the reaction of the NFL is perturbing player, parent and agent. There has been none. This year's worst team, the Buffalo Bills, who lost all but two of their games this season, have first choice in the draft but they have been so preoccupied firing and rehiring their coach, little thought has gone into players. Buffalo could trade their first pick to another NFL team but realism suggests that few would have enough plots of prive real estate to mortgage to match the Trump offer.

Meanwhile, Richard Flutie is programming his computer for the next stage in his son's career – his retirement. "Doug would be a natural on TV," he said. "First I'd dike to see him become the Joe Namath of the USFL and then go *into the entertainment field.*" But he cautioned that Doug would not be hoofing a broadway stage dressed as a woman in years to come, just as Namath did in a recent show. "My son's just not like that," he explained.

SKIING

Austrian trainer resigns after skiers triumph

Adelboden, Switzerland (Reuter) – Peter Prodinger, the Austrian World Cup slalom and giant slalom trainer announced his resignation after Austrian skiers came first and second in the men's giant slalom yesterday. Prodinger, who informed the team the previous night of his decision, said he had received intolerable criticism, especially from Karl Schranz, the former leading skier, now a member of the Austrian Ski Federation's Sports Committee.

The Austrian team made a disappointing start to the season and lie way behind their arch rivals, Switzerland, in the team standings. Prodinger said he would stay on as an Austrian team coach, but would no longer train the slalom team.

Hans Enn fought off a strong challenge from his compatriot Hubert Strolz to win yesterday's giant slalom, the fifth of his career. Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, fell on the second leg and lost his chance of taking the overall World Cup lead.

● A special slalom has been added to the World Cup alpine skiing schedule for next week. The race, originally fixed for Baqueira, in the Spanish Pyrenees, earlier this month, will take place at Todtmau, *West Germany, on* Wednesday.

GIANT SLALOM: 1, H Enn (Austria) 3 min 07.14 secs; 2, H Strolz (Austria) 3:07.21; 3, R Prandstatter (It) 3:07.61; 4, M Julen (Switz) 3:08.18; 5, H Pieren (Switz) 3:08.39; 6, M Hangl (Switz) 3:08.44; 7, J Franko (Yugo) 3:08.73; 8, B Strel (Yugoe) 3:09.04; 9, I Stenmark (Swe) 3:09.05; 10, B Krizaj (Yugo) 3:09.25; 11, J Gaspoz (Switz) 3:09.30; 12, G Mader (Austria) 3:10.19; 13, O Toetsch (It) 3:10 84; 14, B Felbinger (WG); 15, J Grabher (Austria) 3:10.97.

WORLD CUP STANDINGS: 1, P Zurbriggen (Switz) 179pts; 2, M Girardelli (Lux) 166; 3, A Wenzel (Liecht) 152; 4, T Buergler (Switz) 93; 5, Hangl 85; 6, Julen 82; 7, Krizaj 79; 8, F Hamzer (Switz) 76; 9, Toetsch 74; Equal 10, Enn 71 and Stenmark 71; 12, P de Chiesa (It) 70; 13, Prandstatter 69; 14, R Erlacher (It) 64; 15, H Hoetzlehner (Austria 63.

GIANT SLALOM STANDINGS: 1, Girardelli 90; 2, Hangl 89; 3, Zurbriggen 88; 4, Buergler 85; 5, Enn 85; 6, Prandstatter 82; 7, Erlacher 48; 8, Franko 42; 9, Julen 41; 10, Wasmeier (WG) 40; 11, Strolz (Austria) 32; 12, Gaspoz 29; 13, Toetsch 19; Equal 14, Gruber (Australia) and Stenmark 17.

RACING

Walwyn's Newbury hope

By Phil McLennan

Fulke Walwyn, who trained Tammuz to win the Schweppes Gold Trophy for the Queen Mother in 1975, is likely to saddle Admiral's Ruler for this year's renewal at Newbury on Friday 9.

The five-year-old won three of his eight races last season at Windsor. Taunton and Sandown Park but his best performance was to finish third to Afzal in the Liverpool Hurdle at the Grand National meeting.

This season Admiral's Ruler has run twice, finishing a promising fifth to Statesmanship in the Free Handicap Hurdld at Chepstow in October but a disappointing ninth to Royal Brigadier at Sandown Park the following month.

"He was a good novice last season and we think he's quite well in." Walwyn said. "He's the most likely of my three to run and Kevin Mooney would ride." Admiral's Ruler has been allotted 9st 12lb and is a 33-1 chance with leading bookmakers. Walwyn's other enteries are Desert Hero (11st 3lb) and Noble Heir (10st 6lb).

Stan Mellor is unlikely to run either of his big-race entries, Krug (10st 11lb) and Dodgy Future (9st 4lb). A spokesman for the Lambourn stable said yesterday: "Neither has been out this season and *we're running out of time to get* them fit. Both were due to make their re-appearances last week until the weather intervened.

"In any case Dodgy Future looks too far out of the handicap and Krug is likely to go novice chasing in the near future."

The gamble on the Schweppes favourite. Wing And A Prayer, continues to gather momentum. Quoted at 20-1 when the weights were published a week ago, John *Jenkins's four-year-old is now a 10-*1 chance with Mecca (from 14-1) and Hills (from 12-1) after substantial support yesterday.

Hoshino back

Shinobu Hoshino, the leading Japanese jockey, will return to Cheltenham in April for the second National Hunt world championship. Hoshino stole the limelight when he won the first of last year's *four races on Desert Hero. He has* already retained the Japanese title to qualify for this year's event.

John Francome will defend his world title and, besides Hoshino, he will face challengers from Ireland, France, the United States, Norway, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand.

Outlook bleak

Prospects of racing resuming in Britain this week remain bleak. today's meetings at Market Rasen and Windsor and tomorrow's fixtures at Lingfield and Newton Abbot are all off. This brings the *total number of cancellations this* season to 37.

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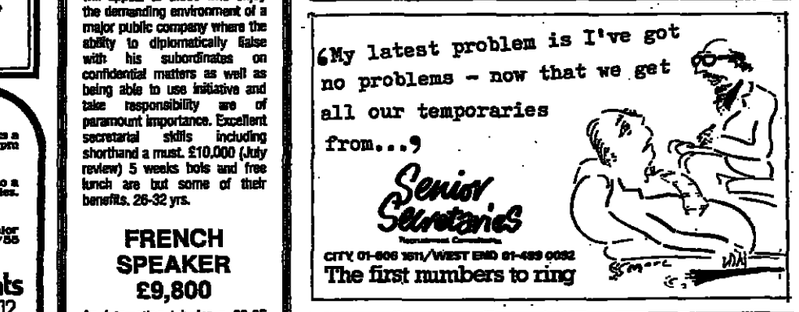
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EX-PARTE: W. G. BEYNON & SONS LIMITED
IN THE MATTER OF A BANKRUPTCY PETITION FILED 29TH OF OCTOBER 1984
To Mr A. Tristram of 30 Farm Road, Briton Ferry, Neath in the County of West Glamorgan.
TAKE NOTICE that a Bankruptcy Petition has been presented against you in this Court by W. G. Beynon & Sons Limited of 79/81, Windsor Road, Neath West Glamorgan, and the Court has ordered that the sending of a sealed copy of the Petition, together with a sealed copy of the Order for substituted service by Recorded Delivery service addressed to Mr A. Tristram of 30 Farm Road, Briton Ferry, Neath and the publication of this Notice in the "London Gazette" and in "The Times" newspaper shall be deemed good service of the Petition upon you and further take Notice that the said Petition will be heard on Monday the 28th of January 1985 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on which day you are required to appear and if you do not appear the Court may make a Receiving Order against you in your absence.
The Petition can be inspected by you on application at this Court.
Dated this 2nd day of January 1985.
D. P. JENKINS.
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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1948
NOTICE is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 22nd day of February 1985 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Bernard Phillips FCA of Bernard Phillips & Co., PO Box 56, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 9th day of January 1985.
BERNARD PHILLIPS
Liquidator

BARCRO-OLYMPIC STRANDERS LIMITED
NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS
NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act 1948 that a meeting of creditors of the above named Company will be held at 6 St James's Square, London, SW1Y 4LD on Friday 1st February 1985 at 2pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
Creditors are asked to forward details of their claim to the above address. Dated this 10th day of January 1985.
By Order of the Board
J. E. MEAD
Secretary

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COMPANIES ACT 1948
COHEN AND DEACON LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the Chartered Accountants Library, 8 Fenwick Street, Liverpool L2 0NZ on the 22nd day of January 1985 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the offices of Leonard Curtis and Partners, 8 Rodney Street, Liverpool L1 2TE, not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon on the day before the meeting.
Dated this 4th day of January 1985.
By order of the Board
E. DEACON
Director

No: 006696 of 1984
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF A. BROWN & SONS plc
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1948
NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated 3rd December 1984 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £440,000 to £84,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 17th day of December 1984.

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1981.
SURREY HARDWARE LIMITED. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at New Hackwood Hotel, 222 Widmore Road, Bromley, Kent, on Monday 28th January 1985 at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
Dated this 7th day of January 1985.
By Order of the Board.
C M Stiller.
Director.

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1981
DORBS BROS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT on the 24th day of January 1985 at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
Dated this 8th day of January 1985.
By Order of the Board.
JEFFREY LUCK
Secretary

Re WILLIAM STURGEON (TRANSPORT) LIMITED. By order of the High Court dated 6th May 1983, NEVILLE ECKLEY FCA of 10 Bramley Hill, South Croydon has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above named company without a committee of inspection.
Dated 4th January 1985.
NEVILLE ECKLEY
LIQUIDATOR

COMPANY MEETING NOTICES

FISHGUARD & ROSSLARE RAILWAYS & HARBOURS COMPANY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next Ordinary Meeting of Proprietors of the Company will be held at 163/203 Evershott Street, London NW1 1BG on Tuesday, 5th February, 1985 at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon for the general purposes of business and for the election of an Auditor in place of one Auditor retiring by rotation.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 26th January 1985 to 1st February 1985 inclusive

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

The vital timeshare links



This two-bedroom villa at Quinta da Marinha is one of six which Canterbury-based Gulf Leisure International have purchased for timeshare. Weeks cost from £2,950 to £7,150 according to season.

Timesharing, buying the right to occupy a property for a specific period each year, is now widely accepted as an alternative to holiday-home ownership. Although it was slow to catch on in Britain, there are now around 35,000 owners of whom some 11,000 have bought weeks overseas – a large proportion in Portugal.

The availability of leisure facilities, especially golf, is as important a marketing tool as the standard of accommodation offered. The fact that timeshare owners at Gulf Leisure International's two Portuguese schemes, the Algarve's Penina Estate and Quinta da Marinha, near Estoril, a half hour drive from Lisbon, may play as often as desired without paying green fees adds considerably to their attraction.

The scheme at Penina consists of 14 low-rise apartments with private pool and two-acre garden leading down to the 13th green on the Penina South course, a few hundred yards west of the five-star Penina Golf Hotel, with timeshare owners having free access to all three golf courses. The two or three bedroom units, with two or three bathrooms, are built in the traditional style and are beautifully furnished and fully equipped.

Prices range from £1,950 for a two-bedroom unit for a week in low season to £6,000 for one high-season week in a three-bedroom unit, with management fees of £80 to £90 according to apartment size.

Management charges cover internal and external maintenance, including the gardens and swimming pool, full use of golf facilities for four or six people, and all linens and towels required during the holiday. Timeshare service charges appear disproportionately high when compared to a whole-ownership scheme but management costs are high and the only extras will probably be for telephone and electricity. A proportion of the charge should go towards capital expenditure, such as furniture replacement.

Gulf Leisure's latest project, Quinta da Marinha, was launched last autumn with weeks for sale in the first six villas, out of an eventual 39 destined for timeshare use, at prices from £2,950 for a low-season week to £7,150 for one in high season. The two-bedroom, two-bathroom detached villas are finished to a high standard.

The spacious kitchens have all the standard timeshare fittings, such as dishwasher, washing machine, split-level cooker and fridge freezer. And they are fully equipped down to an insulated picnic box.

The villas have been built among the pine trees alongside two enormous pools overlooking the eighth fairway of the new 18-hole championship length Robert Trent Jones golf course, part of which runs along the cliff tops overlooking the Atlantic.

There are six all-weather tennis courts and a magnificent equestrian centre complete with a small racecourse and spectator stand – a reminder of the days when this whole estate belonged to just one wealthy Portuguese family.

Weekly management charges for Quinta da Marinha timeshare owners are £95, which includes the right of up to four occupants of each villa to play golf free.

Gulf Leisure sells its weeks at both Penina and Quinta da Marinha on a 20-year right-to-occupy basis. Barclaytrust International are the trustees. At the end of the 20-year-term, Barclaytrust will sell all the properties and the net sales proceeds will be distributed proportionately among all the timeshare owners.

● *Details: Gulf Leisure International, Broom Park, Canterbury, Kent. Tel: 0227 831771*

Golf or a swim

Elliott Timeshare owners at Vale do Lobo actually purchase the freehold on the property for the weeks bought. Elliott has 19 two- and three-bedroom villas adjacent to the golf course.

Elliott, established in 1981, have sold 70 per cent of available weeks, leaving 300 weeks available at all times of the year at prices ranging from £1,900 for a week in January in a two-bedroom and two-bathroom villa, to £9,250.

The villas all have their own private swimming pool and barbeque area. Service charges are currently £100 or £130 per week.

● *Details: Elliott Timeshare, 31 St George Street, London, W1R 9FA Tel: 01-499 2677*

Share swapping

Both the Penina and Quinta da Marinha estates belong to timeshare exchange organisations which enable owners to swap their weeks into other developments world-wide.

Midway between timeshare and outright purchase is Comben's Four Owners scheme being marketed on the Algarve at Rocha Brava. This enables purchasers to acquire a title to the property for the equivalent of three months, spread over the year, but under a revolving arrangement, thus occupying the property for a different time each year.

A one-bedroom apartment can be bought for three months of the year for £9,400 inclusive of furnishings and purchasing costs; a two-bedroom unit is £11,800 rising to £16,700 for a three-bedroomed villa.

● *Details: Comben Group, Portland-Square, Bristol 1. Tel: 0272 425001*

Diana Wildman

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Bungalows that will never go dark or dry

■ Two detached bungalows built as a secret research department for Barnes Wallis when he worked on the bouncing bomb in the Second World War are for sale at Winforton, near Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire. They were built near Rhayader where the experiments were conducted. The bungalows now have mains services but both have their own independent water and electricity supply – provided apparently to prevent sabotage. The bungalows are sturdily built in brick, with asbestos tile roofs, but need modernization. Bernard Thorpe and Partners are asking £36,500 for Castleton, which has two bedrooms, and £31,250 for the smaller Longhills, which has three.

Rural town house

■ **Park House, a secluded "country" house close by Onslow Square in South Kensington, which had an asking price around £3.5m through Knight Frank and Rutley and Aylesford, has been sold for an undisclosed sum to an overseas buyer. It was owned by the widow of Sir Maxwell Joseph who is moving to a smaller house nearby.**

Stable prices

■ The converted Old Stables at The Liberty, Wells, formerly the coach house and stables for Wells Theological College, is for sale through Cluttons' Wells office at around £100,000.

The stables were sold at auction two years ago for £20,000 to a developer who has converted the block into a family house with three reception rooms and four bedrooms. The property is in a conservation area and has a fine view of the Cathedral. Converted barns and stables have been popular in recent years, but local authorities are tightening up on planning permission.

Sea views

■ **At the other end of the price scale, Braxton's office at Cooden, Bexhill on Sea, Sussex, is asking a mere £1,800 for a rare freehold property – a beach hut. The timber hut (rateable value £11) at Cooden is about 8 ft by 6 ft with a verandah.**

Almost a castle

■ Bronwylfa Hall, near Wrexham on the north Wales – Cheshire border, is a substantial stone-built country house which looks more like a castle, with its castellated tower.

The property dates from the late 18th century when it was owned by Samuel Egerton of Tatton Park, Cheshire. In 1805 the Egerton family sold Bronwylfa for £940 to John Beardsworth, a tanner from Wrexham. It is now for sale with an asking price of about £145,000 through Jackson-Stops and Staff's Chester office.



Whites Farm, near Billericay, Essex, is a fine Georgian farmhouse set in the countryside and suitably close to main line stations to London and to the M25 motorway. The house, built in the late eighteenth century and retaining many original features, is for sale at £148,000 through Bairstow Eves' country house department at Chelmsford or their Billericay office. Accommodation includes three reception rooms, a master bedroom, six further bedrooms, and several outbuildings. The gardens of about two acres include an established lake which attracts a variety of wildlife

Chancellor's chance

Last year was in general a good year for house owners. The value of houses and flats went up steadily. Although the increase differed according to the methods of the organization charting the house price rise graphs, it is accepted that the average increase was around 9 per cent, ranging from 5 per cent in the areas of northern unemployment to 14 per cent in Greater London.

Houses nevertheless went up in price at a faster rate than inflation, as they have for many years, and that keeps the property market active.

The government's budget last March helped in that it reduced stamp duty on house purchase, significantly reducing house buying costs, particularly at the lower end of the market. By adding VAT to house improvements the government threw away some of the goodwill. The imposition of VAT has made it more difficult for people to improve their own homes, and has discouraged building firms from increasing their involvement in renovation of older houses.

Another point against the Government has been the cut in home improvement grants. That, too, hinders the constantly needed work to keep the housing stock in good condition.

Commenting of the latest findings of the *Financial Weekly*/Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers house price survey, Mr John Phillips, president of the ISVA, said the overall increase in prices was better than estimated and remained markedly ahead of the general level of inflation.

He argued that 1985 could be slightly better year for the housing market, "always provided economic policy remains on course, and interest rates are held or reduced". How quickly things can change, as in a matter of days since he made this statement interest rates have increased and may go up further.

Mr Phillips applauded the Chancellor of the Exchequer for reducing stamp duty last year, and believes he has the opportunity to give a further boost to the housing market this March. "We hope he will make further moves to reduce stamp duty costs. We also hope that he will seriously examine ways to provide added impetus to encourage the house-building industry and to encourage renovations of older properties so that the nation's housing stock is improved."

New investments and the creation of the right climate in the housing market would encourage a rapid *increase in employment levels.*

"A healthy housing market will enable those who are buying and selling for whatever reason to move more freely and easily from house to house and area to area – which must be essential for an economy undergoing, as it is, the stresses of structural change," said Mr Phillips.

Celebrating the fact that home ownership had reached 60 per cent in Britain, Mrs Thatcher recently said that the spread of the property ownership was central to the Government's philosophy. On interest rates, however, she admitted she *was no prophet, and that proved she* does not promise more than she can deliver.

Christopher Warman

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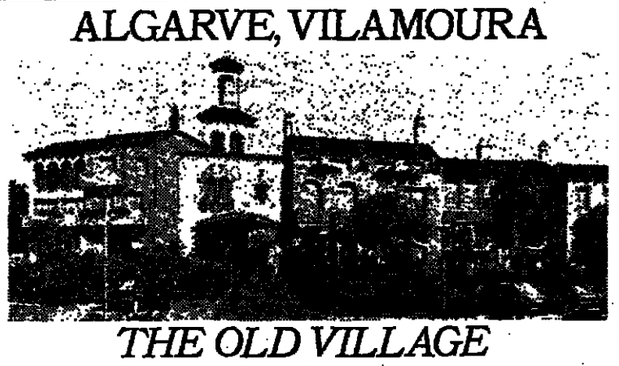
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BEALES. – On 12 January at Lister Hospital, Stevenage, to Anna (née Lawson) and John, a daughter, Natasha Domini Anna, a sister for Roland Alexander.

BRUSHWOOD. – To Sally (née Carr) and Ian, a daughter, Lucy Jane, on 7th January at Wycombe General *Hospital, Buckinghamshire.*

HARGREAVE. – On January 12th at Queen Charlottes, to Diana and Giles – a daughter (Juliette Mary), a sister for Alexis.

HOLTBY – On January 12th, to Caroline (née Mitcalfe) and John a daughter (Katherine).

HUGHES-THOMAS. On January 10th to Susan (nee Lemmon) and Michael – a son (Jake Daniel), a brother for Zoe, Amy and Jodi.

HURRELL – On 15th January to Louise (nee Hart) and Simon, a son, George Francis, a brother for Alastair and Charles.

KEANE. – On 14th January in Norwich to Karen (née Barnes) and Benedict – a son (Joseph Patrick).

LAMAISON – On January 11th at the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, to Mariette (née van Velsen) and Alexander, a son (Alexander Wilhelmus Reuben Laurence).

LEIGH. – On 13th January to Emma (née Kyrle-Pope) and Jonathan, a daughter, Isabel.

LYNE-PIRKIS. – On January 12th to Sarah (née Deacon) and Julian, a daughter, Victoria, a sister for Charles.

MACDIARMID – On January 14th, to Lucinda (nee Darling) and Rory–a son (George).

MANNING. – On 12th January to Elizabeth (née Neale) and John, a daughter, Holly Elizabeth, a sister to *Nicholas and Timothy.*

OGILVIE. – On January 14 to Mary (née Williams) and Graham, a daughter, Caroline Emma, a sister for James.

REID – On New Years Day to Jill and Stephen–a son (Evan Miles Spencer), a little friend for Bunyip.

ROBERTSON – on January 5 to Georgiana (née Holland) and Nicholas, a son.

SCOTT. – On 11th January at the *Portland Hospital, to May (née* Barraclough) and David, a daughter, Arabella Dorinda Plunkett, a sister for Alexander.

STEWART. – On 27th December, at the Ulster Hospital, to Jane-Mary (née Cathcart) and Charles, a son, Charles Patrick William, a brother for Poppy Jane.

WOOLLEY – On January 14th at The Royal Free Hospital, to Susan (née Carrington) and Robert, a daughter (Jessica Ruth).

YEO. – On 30th October, 1984, in Farnborough Hospital, Kent, to Sybil and Nigel, a son, Alexander Richard Primer.

MARRIAGES

BUXTON: Beadle on 12th January 1985 in Yeovil, Charles Benedict Buxton of Granchester, Cambridge to Caroline Mavis Beadle of Bruton, Somerset.

DEATHS

ALLEN On January 14th, 1985, suddenly at home, Alfred Walter Henry, The Lord Allen, of Fallowfield, C.B.E. of Sale, Cheshire. Beloved husband of Ruby, much loved father of Lionel and Judy, father-in-law to Lorrieand Graham and devoted grandfather to Daniel and Lucy. General secretary, U.S.D.A.W., 1962-1979 and former member of the general council T.U.C. Funeral service in St Paul's Church, Sale, on Friday, January 18th at 1.45 pm and afterwards private committal. Flowers from the family only, but donations if desired, for the Pain Relief Foundation, may be sent to Messrs John G. Ashton & Co. Church Street, Altrincham, Cheshire. Tel: 061 928 7816.

ALLTREE. – Dorothy Genevieve, aged 71 years, of Prestatyn. On January 11th, 1985, peacefully in a Leeds Hospital after a long illness. Younger daughter of the late Dr and Mrs Michael Maher of Liverpool. Widow of Sam Alltree, mother of Eileen, mother-in-law of Dr J. A. Dossett and grandma of Monica Teresa. Reception into the Catholic Church, Prestatyn at 8pm on Thursday 17th January. Requiem Mass on Friday 18th January at 12 noon, followed by interment at Coed Bell Cemetery. Donations, if desired, to any charity. Family flowers only. Enquiries to T. O. Jones and Son, Prestatyn 3949

BEARD – On January 13th, 1985. Justine Gwendoline. Funeral service at St. Marylebone Parish Church, on Friday, January 18th, at 3.30pm, followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium. Enquiries to *Wm. Tookey & Son. 01-935 8714.*

BETTON, PETER JOHN, tragically while on holiday in Zimbabwe on 12th January, 1985. Funeral at Hadleigh, Suffolk. 0473 822218 for further details.

BIGLAND – On Monday 14th January, peacefully in hospital after a bravely endured illness, Ernest Frank, M.B.E., T.D., late deputy chairman of the Guardian Royal Exchange, beloved husband of Mary and dearly loved father and father-in-law of Robert, John, Josephine, Carole, David and Pat, and beloved grandfather. Family service to be announced later. Enquiries to Pimms, Guildford.

BLOWER. – On January 12, 1985, suddenly, at his home at Runfold, Farnham, Surrey, Dominic Frank aged 24 years (May he have found peace). Requiem mass at St Joan de Arc Farnham on Friday January 18 at 11 am, followed by cremation at Guildford. Flowers and enquiries to H. C. Patrick and Co. Farnham (0282) 714684.

BOLCKOW. – On January 14th, Evelyn Isobella, aged 78 peacefully at East Surrey Hospital. Beloved mother to Charles. Service at Worth Crematorium on Monday, January 21st at 2.15pm. Flowers to Ebburs, High Street, Limpsfield.

BOWER. – On 12th January, 1985, at 12 Park Crescent, Cuddington, near Northwich, Cheshire, Doctor Charles *Bower, elder son of the late Doctor* and Mrs Bower, of Stretton, Warrington. Funeral service and burial at St. Matthew's Church, Stretton, on Friday, January 18th, at 12 noon. Enquiries, Maddocks Funeral Service, 43 London Road, Stockton Heath, Warrington. Tel: 61803.

BRAMALL. On January 14, 1985, very peacefully, Bryda (Billie), widow of Major Edmund Bramall, and beloved mother of Ashley and Dwin, and grandmother and great grandmother. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium, SW14, at 3 pm, on Friday, January 18.

BYRNE. – On 13th January 1985, at Worthing, West Sussex, Patrick Charles, aged 73 years. Enquiries to Dillistone, Tel: Worthing 200835.

CASSIDY, GEORGE BOUCHER – On Saturday, January 12th, peacefully in Melbourne, Australia.

COWELL. – On January 11, Phyllis *Mary, aged 82, of Hatfield Priory,* Hatfield Peverel, Essex. Beloved aunt of John and Adrian and great aunt of Sophia, Max, Harriet, Edward and William. Private cremation. Memorial service at St Andrew's, Hatfield Peverel, on Saturday, January 19, at 2 pm. Flowers to the Geriatric Unit of St John's Hospital, Chelmsford.

CROZIER. – On January 11th, 1985, suddenly in St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, Ilona Erzsebet, née Szoecs, formerly of Budapest. Beloved *wife of Peter* and mother of Charlotte, fortified by rites of Holy Church. Deeply mourned by relatives and friends in Britain and Hungary. All enquiries regarding funeral arrangements to J. H. Kenyon Ltd, 12 Chiltern Street, London W1, to whom floral tributes may be sent. Alternatively, donations in her memory, to the Treasurer, Brompton Oratory, Centenary Appeal, London SW7. Requiem aeternam dona ei domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei.

DARLINGTON, MARGARET BLANCHE, née Upcott, after a short respiratory illness, formerly of 27 Cholmeley Crescent, London N6. Funeral 23rd January, 1pm at St Michaels Church, Highgate, N6. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Friends of the Whittington Hospital, London N19. Inquiries please to: William Beckett, Funeral Directors, 9 Archway Road, London N19. Telephone 01-272 4114.

EVANS-LAWRENCE – Stephanie Mary, peacefully on 12th Jan. at Whittingdon, Glos. All enquiries to Selim Smith Funeral Directors, 74 Prestbury Rd, Cheltenham 525883.

FINLAY. On January 11th, 1985, Miss Mary Victoria, daughter of the late Kirkman Finlay. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Wednesday January 16th, at 3pm. Enquiries to H. D. Tribe Ltd. Worthing 34516.

FRY – on January 14, Sir John Nicholas Pease 4th Baronet, in hospital aged 87, of Chilterns Manor, Bourne End, Bucks. Father of Jane. Funeral at St Dunstan's Bourne End on Monday January 21 at 11.30am, followed by cremation at The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Flowers to G Smith (Wooburn) Ltd. 06285 25566.

GLENNON – On January 14th, 1985, peacefully at Bury St Edmunds Nursing Home. John, a beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral private.

GOLD. – On Sunday January 13, 1985, Nancye, widow of Alec Gold, of Court Lodge Farmhouse, Bishopsbourne, Canterbury, Kent. Funeral private.

DEATHS

GRANT – On January 12th, peacefully at her home in Weybridge, after a long illness very bravely borne, Molly (formerly Molly Purcell of Douglas, Isle of Man), beloved mother of Mary. Requiem Mass at 11am, on Tuesday, 22nd January, at St Martin *de Porres, Queens Rd., Weybridge,* Surrey. All enquiries to F. W. Chitty and Company Ltd. Tel: Weybridge 42220.

HANKIN. – On 14th January, 1985, Marjorie Travers, aged 77, after a long illness. Funeral 2.45pm, Tuesday, January 22nd, St Mary's Church, Wythall. No flowers, donations to St Mary's Hospice, 176 Raddlebarn Road, Birmingham.

HUMBLE. – On January 10th, 1985 peacefully in Molesey Hospital in his 85th year, Dr John Walter Marshall, last surviving son of the late Robert and Jessie Humble of Dumbarton, Scotland. Loved and loving husband of Jean (deceased), father and father-in-law of John and Joan and grandfather of Jeanine and Ian, all of Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Royal National Institute for the Blind, c/o The Manager, Barclays Bank, 1 Wolsey Road, East Molesey, Surrey. Funeral on Thursday, 17th January at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead at 11.30am.

JOHNSTON – on January 14th 1985, peacefully at North Berwick, James Leslie aged 85 years. Funeral private. Donations to Scottish National Institution for the War Blinded, 38, Albany Street, Edinburgh.

JOLLEY, on January 12th in a Seaford Nursing Home after a short illness, Earnest Harris Jolley OBE aged 86 formerly of Douglas, Isle of Man. The Post Office Engineering Dept. and Dollis Hill Research Station. Beloved husband of Nellie and much loved father of Alice. Funeral service at Woodvale crematorium, Brighton on Friday 18th January at 4pm. Flowers to Seaford Funeral Service. Tel: (0323) 893889.

MAUDE – Elizabeth Meriel (Betty), daughter of Col. C.R. Maude, M.C., O.B.E., and Mrs Maude (Nancy Price), C.B.E., peacefully on January 12th. Beloved sister of Joan, aunt of Sarah and long time friend of Nora. Funeral at 3 o'clock, on Friday, 18th *January at The Chilterns* crematorium, Amersham, Bucks. Family flowers only by request but if desired, donations to Rosslyn Nursing Home, Beaconsfield, Bucks.

MUMMERY – On 10 January, 1985, in hospital, Ronald Victor LDS, RCS (Eng) retired. Late of Jersey. A courageous and tenacious fighter to the end. Will be sadly missed by all.

MUTTER. – On 14th January 1985, peacefully at home, Enid, after a long illness borne with such cheerfulness and courage. Beloved wife of the late William Graham Mutter and adored mother of Alan and the late Ronnie and Jean. Funeral private. Please, no flowers or letters.

OLIVER. – Rhoda widow of Alan Edward and dearly loved mother of Cherry, Philip and Giles. Peacefully at home, aged 80, on Sunday, 13th January following a short illness. Funeral service at St. Michael's Church, High Street, Lewes on Friday 18th January at 2pm. Donations in her memory may be sent to The Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, Heath Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex.

PATON. – Peacefully in Jersey on Sunday, January 13, 1985, Dorothy Grant (nee Gemmell) aged 84 years. Beloved wife of the late James Alexander Paton, and loving mother of Donald and John (Robin).

POTTER – On January 13th, 1985, at Turner Village Hospital, Colchester, James Davidson, only child of the late Doctor and Mrs Bernard Elwell Potter. Private cremation service to be arranged. Enquiries to Shephard Funeral Furnishing Service Ltd. telephone Colchester (0206) 572505.

PROCTOR – On January 13th, peacefully in hospital, George Burdett, sadly missed by his family and friends. Funeral at Bournemouth Crematorium, Friday, January 18th at 1.45 pm. *Family flowers only.*

RELTON. – On January 11th, sud*denly, Hugh, of "Torrens",* Harbledown, Canterbury. Much loved husband of Jill and beloved father of Samantha, Tim and Kerry. No letters please. Cut flowers and enquiries to C. W. Lyons and Son Ltd. Whitstable. Tel: Whitstable (0227) 272576.

REUTERDAHL. – On January 12th peacefully after a brief illness, Kay Reuterdahl *of Ashtead,* widow of John Kay Reuterdahl, O.B.E. and beloved mother of Penny. Service at *St Giles Church, Ashtead on Friday,* January 18th at 10am.

RICE. – On Monday 14th January, 1985, after a long distressing illness patiently borne, Edward Cracroft, much loved husband of Eileen, a devoted father of Tim and Jamie. Service at St Margarets Church, Putney Park Lane, SW15 on Friday 18th January at 3.30pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund. 26 Victoria Road, Surbiton, Surrey.

ROYALS – On January 15th, suddenly at Luton, Vivian Carey, beloved husband of Carmen, devoted father of Frances and father-in-law of Vivian and dearest brother and uncle. Formerly of Samor Lodge, Didcot. Funeral at 10.30am, Monday 21st January, at Lilley Church, near Luton, followed by committal at Luton crematorium. Enquiries and flowers to Neville Funeral Service at Luton 574902.

SAINSBURY – On January 13th, 1985, Paul P. B. Sainsbury, dearly loved husband of Beryl and father of Jane, Jonathen and Mark. Service at All Saints, Luddington on Friday, January 18th at 1 pm, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Stratford Hospital Friends Scanner Appeal.

SHARP – On January 9th, Edward Harold Wilfred, suddenly and peacefully at home, devoted husband of Margaret, beloved father of Elizabeth, dearest grandfather of Sarah, Joanna and James, brother of Rayner. Formerly chairman of Edward Sharp and Sons, Maidstone, Kent. Funeral service All Saints Church, Maidstone, Friday January 18th 2pm. Refer Pickhard and Beale (0622) 52415. Family flowers only, donations to Confectioners Benevolent Fund, 11 Green Street, London W1Y 3RF.

STANOJLOVIC – On 12th January 1985, after a short illness at Guys Hospital, Wing Commander Bosko Stanojlovic, OBE, (retired) beloved husband of Vera, father of Jelena and Olga.

SUMNER – MAUD, artist of London, Paris and Johannesburg, after a long illness, peacefully in Johannesburg, on January 14th. Beloved sister of Alfreda. R.I.P.

TAYLOR. – On January 13, 1985, *peacefully in his sleep at St Richard's* Hospital, Chichester, Donald Arthur Taylor, OBE, of West Wittering. "Pop" to Martin, Richard and Vicky and "Granpop" to Lucy, Sophie and Natalie. Funeral service at St Peter and St Paul's Church, West Wittering, Thursday January 17 at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. No flowers, donations, if desired, to Save the Children Fund

TILBURY, MYRA AUGUSTA FRANCES – Peacefully on January 10th, after a short illness, sweetheart and widow of Harry Bertie, daughter of the Rev and Mrs Richard Kinchant, of Park Hall, Shropshire, dearly beloved mother of Pamela, Barbara and Gloria and a dear and much loved gran and baby granule. Funeral at The Downs Crematorium, Brighton, Friday, January 18th at 2 pm

WHITE. – On January 11th at The Wallingford Community Hospital, Errol Ivor White C.B.E., F.R.S., D.Sc. Beloved husband of Jane and father of Adam and father-in-law of Yvonne. Formerly keeper of Palaeontology, British Museum (Natural History), P.P. of Linnean Society of London. Funeral service at Reading Crematorium on Friday 18th January, at 12 noon. No flowers by his special request, but donations to The Michael Sobel Hospice, Oxford or the Courtauld Institute Appeal Fund, 20-21 Portman Square, London W1. No letters please.

WHITING. – Brian Arthur Arnold, Priest – on Sunday 13th January. Peacefully at home.

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WILKES – On January 10th, 1985, suddenly at home in London, Janet and Norman, dearly loved parents of Sally. Funeral Service in St. Mary's Church, Putney SW15, Friday, 18th January, at 2.15, followed by Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium. Flowers to F. W. Paine, 29 Coombe Road, Kingston, Surrey, or donations to the Anthony Nolan Appeal Fund, St. Mary Abbots Hospital, Marloes Road, London W8. Private enquiries to 01-730 5407.

WILSON, PETER, MRCVS. On 5th January 1985, peacefully whilst on *holiday at Reriz, Portugal,* husband of Elizabeth and father of Richard and Ruth, of The Thicket, Upper Wanborough. Memorial services at St Andrew's Church, Wanborough, on Thursday 24th January 1985 at 11.15am.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CHANCE – IVAN OSWALD Memorial on Monday February 11, St Magnus the Martyr, Upper Thames Street at noon.

de LOTBINIÈRE. A Memorial Service for the late Seymour de Lotbinière, formerly Controller, BBC West Region, Bristol, will be held at All Souls, Langham Place, London, W1, on Wednesday 30th January, 1985 at 12 noon.

LASCELLES. A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lieutenant Colonel Reginald George Lascelles, RA retired (Pip) will be held at the church of St Nicholas and All Angels, Kington St Michael, near *Chippenham, Wilts on* Saturday, January 26th, 1985 at 12 noon.

LEVINGE. – A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Richard Levinge Bart M.B.E. M.C. will be held at 11.30 am on Saturday 9th February at St Micheal's Church, St. Albans, Herts (adjacent to Roman Verulamium car park).

PATTERSON – A memorial service for Mr S. G. Patterson will be held at Harrow on Tuesday 5th February at 4.30.

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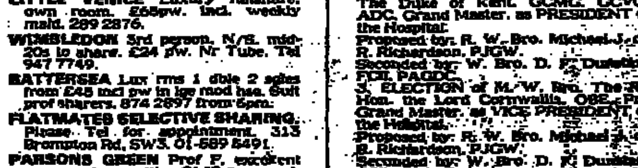
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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE ROYAL MASONIC HOSPITAL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at the Methodist Central Hall, Storeys Gate, London, SW1, (opposite Westminster Abbey), on Wednesday, 30th January, 1985, at 12 noon.

AGENDA

1. MINUTES of the last Annual General Meeting.
2. ELECTION of M. W. Bro. H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, GCMG, GCVO, ADC, Grand Master, as PRESIDENT of the Hospital.
Proposed by: R. W. Bro. Michael J. de R. Richardson, PJGW.
Seconded by: W. Bro. D. F. Dunstan, FCII, PAGDC.
3. ELECTION of M. W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. the Lord Cornwallis, OBE, Pro Grand Master, as VICE PRESIDENT of the Hospital.
Proposed by: R. W. Bro. Michael J. de R. Richardson, PJGW.
Seconded by: W. Bro. D. F. Dunstan, FCII, PAGDC.
4. ELECTION of R. W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mais, GBE, KStJ, ERD, TD, DL, DSc, FEng, PJGW, as HONORARY TREASURER of the Hospital.
Proposed by: R. W. Bro. Arthur H. Lay, FRIBA, AA(Dip), FISTructE, PJGW.
Seconded by: W. Bro. Sir Cecil Mant, KB, CBE, PDepGSuptWorks.
5. ELECTION of W. Bro. John A. P. Whinney, FCA, PJGD, Messrs. Ernst & Whinney, as AUDITOR of the Hospital.
Proposed by: W. Bro. P. H. Grove, TD, FCA, PPJGD(Surrey).
Seconded by: W. Bro. Major K. F. L. Harris, FCA, PAGDC, PDGSW(Bengal).
6. ELECTION of candidates to fill vacancies on the BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.
7. REPORT of the BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.
8. BALANCE SHEETS AND ACCOUNTS for the year ended 30th June, 1984.
9. ADOPTION OF REPORT of the BOARD OF MANAGEMENT and of the BALANCE SHEETS AND ACCOUNTS for the year ended 30th June, 1984.
Proposed by: R. W. Bro. Thomas B. Langton, MC, DL, Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and Isle of Wight.
Seconded by: R. W. Bro. Cyril Robinson, DL, Provincial Grand Master for Bedfordshire.
10. Special Business.
A Resolution in the following terms proposed by Life Governors under the provisions of the proviso to paragraph 28 of the Constitution:
"RESOLVED THAT the Board of Management be requested to convene a Special General Meeting of Governors to amend the Constitution at General Meetings of Governors shall be conducted by a postal vote of all those entitled to attend such General Meeting provided the present system of weighted voting based on contributions shall be retained".
Proposed by: Bro. A. H. Alakija.
Seconded by: Bro. K. W. Scott.
11. Any other business.

ENTERTAINMENTS

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Sat, Mon 7.00. Die Zauberflöte.

CONCERTS

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Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins. Also available to viewers with television sets without the teletext facility.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; Mike Smith with the new Top Twenty at 7.32. Plus teenage correspondent, Zöe Brown and guest, Roy Dotrice.

9.00 Ceefax 10.30 Play School, presented by Stuart Bradley (r). 10.50 Gharbar. A magazine *programme for Asian women.* This week's edition includes a discussion on shoplifting 11.15 *Ceefax.*

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Ian McCaskill 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes the cooking canon from *Carlisle, John Eley 1.45 King* Rollo. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r). 1.50 Bric-a-Brac, presented by Brian Cant (r). 2.00 Ceefax 3.48 Regional news (not London).

3.50 Play School, presented by Sheelagh Gilbey. The guest is Stuart Bradley and the story, The New Red Tractor, is by Ted *Moult (r). 4.10 The* Puppy's New Adventures. Cartoon series.

4.30 Jackanory. Griff Rhys Jones reads part two of The Church Cat Abroad. 4.45 Captain Caveman. Stone age adventures. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround.

5.05 Eureka, presented by Sarah Greene and Paul McDowell with Wilf Lunn (r). 5.30 The Railway Carriage Game introduced by Lennie Bennett and Stan Boardman. Celebrity comedy game with panelists Faith Brown, Les Dennis, Dustin Gee and Patti Gold. 5.58 Weather.

6.00 News with Nicholas Witchell and Jeremy Paxman.

6.30 London Plus.

6.55 Cartoon. Quackerdile Tears.

7.00 Star Trek. Captain Kirk and his crew, investigating the disappearance of another star ship, land on Beta II and encounter a brainwashed community totally in thrall of *the mysterious Landru (r).*

7.50 The Golden Oldie Picture Show. Dave Lee Travis introduces sounds of the Sixties illustrated by Eighties *video performances.*

8.15 Dallas. It's barbecue time at Southfork and the smell of sizzling sausages means romance in the air for J.R. (Ceefax).

9.00 News with Julia Somerville.

9.25 Real Lives. Viktoria Comes West is a documentary about the celebrated Russian violinist, Viktoria Mullova who applied for political asylum at the United States Embassy in *Stockholm in July 1983. For* the first time, the cameras have captured the turmoil and the torment of the struggles of a young defector as she travels to the United States and the realization sinks in that she will be permanently cut off *from her family and her* friends. Her initial grief has been somewhat assuaged by the fact that she can now command a $10,000 fee per concert (see Choice).

10.25 Film: Two-Lane Blacktop (1971) starring James Taylor *and Warren Oates as the* drivers in a trans-America road race, from the west coast to Washington DC, between a Pontiac and a Chevrolet. Directed by Monte Hellman.

12.05 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; guest, Pete Murray, from 6.46; exercises at 6.50 and 9.20; dealing with stains at 7.15; video report at 8.40; gardening advice at 9.05.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines 9.30 For Schools: religious knowledge 9.47 Ways of communicating 10.04 Use of computers 10.21 Derek, a play about a brain transplant, by Derek Bond 10.48 Choices facing school leavers 11.10 Autumn and winter and language development 11.22 One man and his glider 11.39 What Life was like in Britain between the years 1902 and 1926.

12.00 Rod, *Jane and Freddy* with a musical story about The Bees 12.10 Our Backyard holds a sports day 12.30 Mr and Mrs. Three more couples parade their knowledge, or lack of it, about their respective spouse.

1.00 News at One 1.20 Thames news with Robin Houston 1.30 A Country Practice.

2.30 On the Market. Susan Brookes and Trevor Hyett with news of the best food buys available this week. The guest cook is Derek Nimmo.

3.00 Gems. Episode seven of the drama serial set in the Covent Garden workshops of a fashion design company 3.25 *Thames news headlines* 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.15 The Moomins 4.20 Razzmatazz. Alastair Pirrie talks to Bucks Fizz singer Mike Nolan in a *programme recorded on the* day Nolan was seriously injured in a road accident.

4.45 The Book Tower presented by Neil Innes. His guest is Catherine Brighton who wrote and illustrated a picture book about a blind girl (Oracle).

5.15 Blockbusters.

5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Greenwich Mind Befriending Scheme which *helps people with psychiatric* problems.

6.35 Crossroads. Terry Lawton talks Iris Scott into letting him share her flat.

7.00 Wish You Were Here . . ? Judith Chalmers reports on her stay at the Majorcan resort of *Cala Millor;* Anneka Rice has been learning to sail in Devon; and Chris Kelly explores the Scottish borders (Oracle).

7.30 *Coronation Street. Hilda* learns something about her new lodger (Oracle).

8.00 This is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews lies in wait to ambush *another unsuspecting worthy.*

8.30 Moving. Comedy series, based on the hit West End play, about a couple's experiences when trying to sell their des. res. (Oracle).

9.00 Lytton's Diary. The Fleet Street gossip columnist is *trying to dig up the dirt on a* merchant banker who may have a dubious past. Starring Peter Bowles (Oracle).

10.00 News at Ten.

10.30 *Midweek Sport Special.* International boxing and football are on the bill tonight with highlights from Frank Warren's promotion at the Britannia Leisure Centre, Shoreditch, featuring Terry Marsh and the best of the *action in a Milk Cup match and* the European Super Cup match between Juventus and Liverpool in Turin.

12.00 Portrait of a Legend. Sly and the Family Stone.

12.25 Night Thoughts.



Viktoria Mullova: Real Lives (BBC 1, 9.25pm)

CHOICE

● Lost roots and family: gained fame and fortune. That, reduced to its basics is the story of Viktoria Mullova, whose improbable story is told in REAL LIVES (BBC 1, *9.25pm). The thin trickle of self-exiling* musicians, writers and dancers from the Eastern bloc has *become a flood,* a fact that undeniably robs Katya Krausova's film of the element of novelty. And the reason the 23-year-old violinist fled the Soviet Union is similar to that advanced by her predecessors: *the artistic ceiling was too low and* the demands of the state were too high. But there are other, more romantic, elements mixed into Miss Mullova's story, and from these tonight's film draws its strength. For example: the escape was two years in the planning. Not a whisper to anyone. She fled with her lover and mentor, a Soviet conductor. He left his orchestra behind; she left her Strad, or rather the state's Strad. The farewell gift of a Guarneri thrust into her hands by a sympathetic old soul at the airport was some sort of compensation. Penniless, the lovers *arrived in the United States.* "Very few nice things come out of Russia", said the man in the musical *instruments shop who squashed* Miss Mullova's hopes that her only possessions, two antique bows, *were genuine. No doubt,* however, about the authenticity of Miss Mullova's talent. She is getting all *the engagements she can cope* with. Her fellow defector is having to struggle.

● Much of Channel 4's cinema magazine VISIONS (9.00pm) is given over to British films of 1945, a year of peaks *(Brief Encounter, Henry V)* and troughs *(I'll Be Your Sweetheart, The Wicked Lady)*; of gargantuan follies like *Caesar and Cleopatra* that had their eyes fixed so firmly on the American market that they did not see the banana *skin lying in their path; and the* embryonic movement for women's rights was given a fillip by Wendy *Hiller's playing a woman firmly in* control of her own destiny in *I Know Where I'm Going.* It is, of course, always something of an emotional experience to see snippets from old films that evoke happy and sad memories that have nothing to do with the actual content of the films, and for that reason I welcome *Visions.* But I had always believed this to be a film programme that digged deeply beneath the topsoil of sentiment in search of serious issues. The analytical comment in tonight's edition is surprisingly shallow.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax

9.10 Daytime on Two: Alloys and non-ferrous metals 9.38 Why things slide 10.00 A journey on a Blackpool tram 10.15 *Maths:* angles 10.38 Maths: geometry 11.00 The traditional story of *the Three Little Pigs* 11.17 Composing film music 11.39 Music expressing states of *mind*

12.05 Russia and the Russian language 12.30 The implementation of the Cockroft Report recommendations in the classroom 12.55 Learning English from television programmes 1.21 Comparing *life in a Spanish village with* that in a town 1.38 Schools in Scotland 100 years ago 2.00 *The Nile 2.18 Tourism as an* aid to poor countries 2.40Paul Coia explores the Arctic circle (Ceefax). 3.00 Ceefax

5.25 News summary with subtitles

5.30 Willo the Wisp, *with the voices* of Kenneth Williams (r)

5.35 Fast Forward. Video fun presented by Floella Benjamin, Joanna Monro, Andrew Secombe and Nick Wilton

6.00 Film: The Half Breed (1952) starring Robert Ryan and *Janis Carter. Western yarn* about an unscrupulous trader who purposely keeps Indian reservations short of food in order to create unrest. When the Apaches eventually decide they have had enough privation only two men stand *between them and a massacre* of the white population. Directed by Stuart Gilmore

7.20 Cartoon Two. Prelude, the story of a tap-dancing troglodyte who is disowned by his disappointed parents (r)

7.30 Open Space: Selling Britain *by the Pound. Barrister* Michael Mansfield takes up the cudgels on behalf of a group of concerned citizens who are worried by the government's policies concerning the privatisation of public industries and who offer *constructive alternatives*

8.10 Brass Tacks: Clocking On. A documentary on the more than two million under aged children who have a job of *work – some before and after* school, others instead of school

9.00 Anna of the Five Towns. Episode two of the four part dramatisation of Arnold Bennett's novel and Anna Tellwright, an extremely *wealthy 21 year old woman,* discovers that her money and her forgetfulness begin to upset her austere father who, in trying to keep his daughter on a tight rein, makes her a partner in Henry Mynor's works (Ceefax)

9.55 *Dionne Warwick in Concert.* The singer's first concert for 14 years, before an overwhelmed audience at Joliet, Illinois, in April 1983

10.45 Newsnight. The latest *national* and international news plus extended coverage of one of *the main stories of the day.* Ends at 11.35.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: Old Mother Riley's Ghosts * (1941) starring Arthur Lucan and Kitty McShane. Comedy about a charwoman who believes she has inherited a public house in Scotland only to discover when she arrives *to claim her inheritance that it* is a castle – infested with ghosts and spies. Directed by *John Baxter.*

4.00 A Plus 4. Paul Jones presents a discussion on the need to overhaul the country's remand system.

4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition *is challenged by Ian Lowe, a* photographic technician from Pendlebury, Manchester.

5.00 Alice. One of the Phoenix, Arizona, diner waitress's colleagues, Vera, is shattered when her boyfriend announces that he is going to marry somebody else.

5.30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show. Mary and Rhoda take their *boss, Lou, to the cinema when* his wife is out of town for a few days. Who should they see in the theatre but Lou's son-in-law – but not with Lou's daughter.

6.00 Danger Man.* John Drake is in the Arabian desert disguised *as a down-and-out desert rat,* but in reality investigating rumours of a thriving slave trade.

6.30 The Living Body. Part 16 of *the 26-programme series on* the inner workings of the human body examines how we are able to breathe.

7.00 Channel Four News.

7.50 Comment. The political slot this week is taken by Giles Radice, Labour MP for Durham North and his party's spokesman on education.

8.00 The Dragon Has Two Tongues. Part two of the history of Wales series as seen through two pairs of eyes covers the period from the *arrival of the Romans in 43 AD* to the time of their departure almost five centuries later. As usual, Professor Gwyn Alf Williams and Wynford *Vaughan-Thomas disagree* completely on the interpretation of events.

8.30 Diverse Reports. The alternative current affairs *programme this week includes* a report by Christopher Hird on the government's *proposals to sell shares in the* Trustee Savings Bank. Plus Paul Foot of the Daily Mirror commenting on the week's television news.

9.00 Visions. Cinema magazine programme (see Choice).

10.00 *Film: Hot Water, Cold Water* (1976) starring Jean Lapointe in a comedy drama about a powerful money-lender who has an extravagant party thrown for him by his friends and his victims. Directed by Andre Forcier (French with English subtitles).

11.45 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave † also VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day.

6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves and *guests including Ronnie Scott.*

10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits Suffolk.

10.30 Morning Story: 'Winter Cruise' by W. Somerset Maughan. Read by Elizbeth Proud.

10.45 Daily Service†

11.00 News; Travel; You The Jury. The last of six programmes in which Dick Taverne, QC, puts issues of *controversial concern on trial* before an audience. The motion: 'Students should pay for their *own higher education'* (r)

11.48 Mighty Myths. Derek Robinson challenges another belief we take *for for granted. High Noon for* John Brown.

12.00 News; You And Yours. Consumer affairs, with John Howard.

12.27 Father Brown Stories by G. K. Chesterton. Seven stories dramatised (5): 'The Honour of Israel Gow'† 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News: Woman's Hour. Includes an interview with Mrs Margaret Thatcher. Plus the seventh *instalment* of The Soft Talkers.

3.00 The Afternoon Play: Responses, by Elizabeth Morgan. Drama *about a wife who has been in a* coma for six months, after a car crash. She hears every word her *husband says to her, but he* thinks his efforts are wasted.†

3.47 Time For Verse Seven *programmes in which Norman* MacCraig presents his personal choice of poetry. 3: Death. Readers: *Ian Agnew and Diana* Olsson.

4.00 News; Choirs in Conversation: 'Austria's Singing Ambassadors' – last of three programmes about choral life. Ian Bradley visits Vienna and explores the everday life of the Vienna Boys' Choir.

4.40 Story Time: 'Master of the Moor' by Ruth Rendall, abridged in ten parts (8). Read by Christian Rodska.

5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 The Best of In One Ear. Second chance to hear again the sort of *mistakes that could happen only* on a live comedy show.*(r)*

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Shabbat. Rabbi Danny Smith and his family light the candles in *preparation for the "taste of* Heaven".

7.45 Rebels. Hugh Sykes examines the lives of some 20th-century people who rebelled against society's conventions (2): Singer Janis Joplin.

8.15 Family Firm. 3: Simpsons of Piccadilly.

8.45 Blueprints For Disease. Colin Tudge on the roots of genetic disorders.

9.30 The Educating of Harry Soan. The veteran broadcaster reflects *on a process that's still going on* after 80 years.(3): Reading books.

9.45 *Kaleidoscope. Includes comment* on Waste, at The Pit; the film Water; and the second *International Contemporary Art* Fair.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'Empire of the Sun' by J G Ballard, abridged in 15 episodes. Read by Kenneth Haigh. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight, including. 11.00 Headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament.

12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping.

VHF (available in England & *South Wales only). Radio 4 VHF* is as above, except: 5.55-am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-3.00pm *For* Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: A Vous la France! (12) Tout sur vous (1) 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Secondary English (14-16) 12.30 Being a Teenager. 12.40 All in the Dark. 12.50 Green Fingers. 1.00 Trespassers.

Radio 3

6.55 7.00 News.

7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Groven's overture Hjalar fjod; Cimarosa's (arranged Benjamin) Oboe Concerto in D (Pierlot and Jean-Francois Pierlot Chamber Orchestra); Hummel's Piano Sonata in D Op 106 (Binns, fortepiano); Josef Strauss's Polka-Mazurka: Die Libelle. †. 8.00 News.

8.05 Your Midweek Choice (contd): Offenbach's overture Robinson Crusoe; Glazunov's ballet music Raymonda (Act 3); Haydn's Cello Concerto in C (H V11b 1) played by Jacqueline du Pre and the English Chamber Orchestra under Barenboim. †. 9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Walton. Johannesburg Festival Overture (composer conducting the Philharmonia); the Cello Concerto (Tortelier with the Bournemouth SO); and Partita for Orchestra (composer conducting the *Philharmonia).* †

10.00 Beethoven and Dohnanyi: Cummings String Trio. Beethoven's Trio in C minor Op 9 No 3; Dohnanyi's Serenade Op 10.†

10.45 Northern Sinfonia (under Boettcher), with Hugh Potts (horn). Haydn's overture L'isola disabitata; Mozart's Horn Concerto No 1; Holst's St Paul's Suite; Haydn's Symphony No 91 †

11.45 Miniatures for Piano: John Clegg plays Elgar's In Smyrna; Presto; Griffinesque; Skizze; Nielsen's Humoresque-Bagatelles; and Bridge's Three sketches. †

12.15 Concert Hall: Guildhall String Ensemble. Wolf's Italian Serendade; Mendelssohn's String Symphony No 9; and Rossini's Sonata No 1 in G. †1.00 News.

1.05 Jazz: Part 2 of Stan Tracey's suite Under Milk Wood. †

1.30 *Matinee Musicale: Recordings of* various orchestras playing Geoffrey Bush's overture Yorick; Holst's Suite No 1: Delius's In a summer garden; Poulenc's Suite francaise; Alfven's Swedish Rhapsody No 1. †

2.30 French Songs: Ruud van der Meer (baritone) with Rudolf Jansen (piano). Works by Faure, Chailley, Honegger, Lekeu, Durey and Koechlin. †

3.15 Balakirev's overture on Three Russian Songs (the USSR Symphony Orchestra); and Reger's Variations and Fugue on a theme of Mozart, Op 132. †

4.00 Choral Evensong: from Manchester Cathedral – live. 14.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Fritz Spiegl's selections of music.

6.30 Debut: Nicholas Daniel (oboe) and Julius Drake (piano). Paul Patterson's Duologue: Lutoslawski's Epitaph; and Britten's The Cuckoo. †

7.00 Stockhausen: Music and Machines. From Barbican Hall, London. We hear Hymnen (1966-67 and 1969) with the BBC SO (under Peter Eotvos), featuring Ingo Metzmacher (piano), Andreas Boettger (percussion), Markus Stockhausen (trumpet and synthesizer) and Karlheinz *Stockhausen himself (sound* projection). Regions 1 and 2. †

8.05 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.

8.25 Stockhausen concert: Hymnen. Part two. Region 3. †

9.10 Poetry Now: Michael Schmidt's selection is read by Ann Aris and Paul Webster.

9.30 Stockhausen: Part Three. Hymnen (Region 4). †

10.15 No-one is Evil and No-one is Good. Play by Rainder Werner Fassbinder, translated by Anthony Vivis. *It is described as* an experiment in science fiction With Fional Walker and Nigel *Anthony (r).* †

10.40 Chopin: Claudio Arrau (piano) plays the nocturnes in F sharp minor, Op 48 No 2; in C sharp minor, Op Posth; and in F sharp Op 15 No 2. †

11.00 Manchester Chamber Concert: Raphael Ensemble play Bach's Ricercare à 6 (The Musical Offering); and Brahm's Sextet in *G, Op 36* †

11.57 News. Until 12.00.

Radio 2

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo News on the hour (except 9.00pm) Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00 Colin Berry.† 6.00 Ray Moore † 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young.† 1.05pm Sports Desk; David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford† including 2.02; *3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All the* Way † 4.00 David Hamilton† including 4.02, 5.02 Sports Desk 6.00 John Dunn† *including* 6.02 Sports Desk 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only) 8.00 Soccer Special Grimsby Town v Norwich City, Chelsea v Sheffield Wednesday 9.30 Listen to the Band (continued from VHF) 9.55 Sports Desk 10.00 The Golden Years (Alan Keith) 10.30 *Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the* Memory 11.00 Round Midnight (stereo from midnight) 1.00am Nightride † 3.00 *Black Magic.*† 3.30-4.00 *Terry Lawless* Has . . . A Word with Gerald Williams †.

Radio 1

On medium wave. † *also VHF stereo.* News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight. *6.00am* Andy Peebles *7.00 Mike Read* 9.00 Simon Bates 12.00pm Gary Davies including 12.30 Newsbeat 2.30 Steve Wright *5.00 Bruno Brookes* including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long 10.00-12.00am John Peel VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am With Radio 2 8.00pm String Sound 8.30 Male Voice Choir Of The Year Competition (first-round). 9.15 Listen to the Band (brass and military music) 9.30 Jon Radio 2 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 7.00 World News 7.09 *Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Report On Religion* 7.45 That's Trad 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 Mainstream 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Sackbuts And Sinfonias 10.00 News *Summary 10.01 Church and State 10.30 Jazz* Score 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Putting Politics in its Place 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Nature Notebook 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 From the Promenade Concerts 2.00 Outlook 2.45 *Report on Religion* 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Classical Guitar 3.30 Clayton's Zodiac 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Rock Salad 4.45 *The World Today* 5.00 World News 5.09 Monitor 8.00 World News 8.15 Album Time 8.45 Recording Of The Week 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 *Commentary 11.15 Putting Politics in its Place* 11.30 Top Twenty 12.00 World News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Clayton's Zodiac 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Monitor 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 *Assignment 3.00 World News 3.09 News* About Britain. 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Foreign Correspondents 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Classical Record Review. 5.45 The World Today.

All times in GMT

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC 1 *WALES 12.57 pm-1.00 News* of Wales Headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales Headlines. 5.30-5.35 Interval. *5.35-5.58* Wales Today. 6.30-7.00 Sportfolio. 12.05 am-12.10 News and weather. SCOTLAND 12.57 pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 12.15 am-12.10 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 12.57 pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 5.30-5.58 Channel One. 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 12.07 am-12.10 Channel One Update. 12.10 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.30 pm-6.55 Regional News magazines

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

ANGLIA As *London except:* 12.30pm-1.00 Mr and Mrs. 1.20 News. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.00 *The Gaffer.* 12.30am East Comes West. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.00 News. Closedown.

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GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports. 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. *12.00* Freeze Frame. 12.30am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Mr and *Mrs. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 North* Tonight. 12.00 News. Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Keep It in The Family. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Fruitts of Southampton. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Home Cookery Club. 12.00 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Silver Spoons. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Hardcastle & McCormick. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.00 Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Keep It in the Family. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Exploration and Adventure. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend. 12.25am Postscript. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 *Moviemakers. 1.20 News. 1.25 Where* the Jobs are. 1.30-2.30 Best of Three: Bowls. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. *6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.00 More* Youths from York. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar Health Club. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend. 12.30am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Portraits of Power. 1.20 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 12.00 News, Closedown.

S4C Starts: 1.00pm Countdown 1.30 Baby, Baby! 2.00 Beth, Sut, Pam Pryd a Bie? 2.20 Ffalabalam 2.35 Hyn o Fyd. 2.55 Interval. 3.20 Citizen 2000 4.15 Me and My Micro. 4.45 Ffalabalam 4.55 Hanner awr Fawr. 5.30 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Hen wlad Newydd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Cyfle Arall. 8.00 Resio. 8.30 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 9.00 Film: Melvin and Howard *10.50* Diverse Reports. *11.20* Black on Black. 12.20am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Mr and Mrs. 1.20 News. 1.30 Job Spot. 1.35-3.00 Film: Green Grow the Rushes.* 3.30-4.00 Report Back 6.00-6.35 Today. 12.00 Late Call. 12.05am Crann Tara. 12.35am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Benson 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Simon & Simon. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

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† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

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ACADEMY 3, 437 8819. Marcel Carne's LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG). Film at 4.10, 7.30.

BARBICAN CINEMA 01-628 8795 Student reducts on all perfs. Dolby Stereo. Ton't at 6.00 and 8.00 Moroder's version of Lang's Metropolis (PG).

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SCREEN ON ISLINGTON GREEN. 226 3520 (Angel tube) THE KILLING FIELDS (15) 2.30, 5.15, 8.15. Fri/Sat 11.15. Evng perf bookable in advance. In Dolby stereo.

SCREEN ON THE HILL 435 3366 (opp Belsize Pk tube). Eva Mattes is Fassbinder in A MAN LIKE EVA (18). 3.20, 5.10, 7.10, 9.10. Lic bar Seats bookable.

THE ELECTRIC SCREEN 229 3694 (191 Portobello Rd Tube: Ladbroke Grove/Notting Hill. Buses: 7/15/23/27). Harry Dean Stanton in REPO MAN (18) 3.20 (not Sunday), 5.10, 7.10, 9.10. Fri/Sat, 11.15

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THE ART OF THE ARCHITECT: Treasures from the RIBA's Collections. Until 27 Jan. RIBA, 66 Portland Pl, W1 01-580 5533. 10-5 Mon-Sat: 10-8 Tue, 2-6 Sun. Admission £2. Sat and Sun £1.

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Britain to mark VE Day after about-turn

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday announced a government about-turn on the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe, VE Day, next May.

Earlier this month Lady Young, a Foreign Office Minister of State, ruled out any official, government-sponsored celebration after discussion between Mrs Thatcher and ministers from both the Foreign Office and Ministry of Defence.

She said that the German reaction to last year's D-Day anniversary commemoration had illustrated "the difficulty of mounting international events which both honour sacrifices made in the past and acknowledge the peaceful evolution of Germany (and Italy and Japan) since the end of the war."

There was also a risk that any celebration confined to wartime allies could appear at best nostalgic and at worst anti-German, unbalanced and open to historical distortion by the Soviet Union, she said.

Mrs Thatcher yesterday told the Commons that ministers were now considering the form of a national commemoration.

She said "I know that there is a good deal of feeling that we should in fact have a national celebration of VE Day. It is a feeling which I understand and I feel that we should celebrate not only victory of peace with freedom, but the fact that we have had peace with freedom for some 40 years."

The event would both honour the dead and point to the reconciliation and reconstruction that had been achieved since the end of the war.

While in international celebration is still being ruled out in Whitehall, for fear of the offence that could be caused, it is possible that ambassadors could be invited to attend, and it is equally possible that there could be British diplomatic representation at any Soviet commemoration.

Lady Young also pointed out in her original letter to Mr John Cartwright, the Social Democratic Party's foreign affairs spokesman in the Commons, that the Bonn Economic Summit, to be held between May 2 and 4, and the likely high-level meeting to mark the tenth anniversary of the Helsinki Accords next summer were two internaitonal opportunities when reconciliation could be marked.

Emphasize peace, not victory, legion says

By Robin Young

The Royal British Legion yesterday welcomed the Government's change of heart over the commemoration of VE Day.

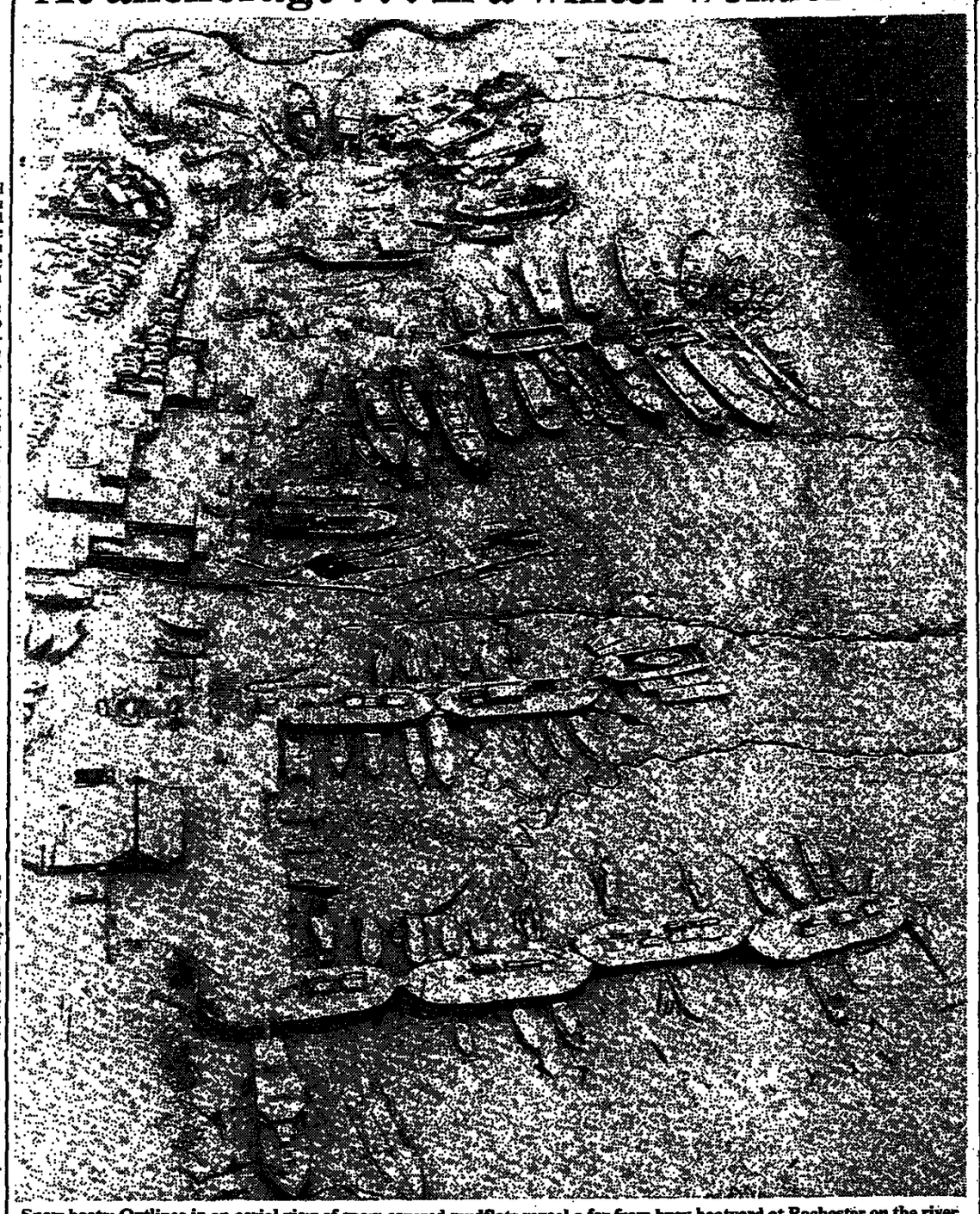
Major Bob Tomlins, the legion's secretary-general, said: "We had not planned any events of our own because we anticipated from the beginning that the Government would organize national commemorative events. We do hope that they will mark the restoration of peace to the world in 1945, not particularly in Europe but also in the Pacific and the Far East. The emphasis should be on reconciliation rather than the celebration of victory, and it may well be that the most appropriate occasion would not be the anniversary of either VE Day or VJ Day in August."

Others had been spurred to independent initiatives by the Government's earlier indication that the anniversary would go unmarked. A group of academics, led by Mr Martin Dent, senior lecturer in politics at Keele University, had asked permission for a symbolic presentation of flowers at the Cenotaph on May 8, the anniversay of VE Day.

The Imperial War Museum has announced a big festival from May 4 to May 15 to coincide with the anniversary.

The Manx Government also hoped to take advantage of Westminster's reluctance to mark the anniversary, and had announced a "week of nostalgia"

At anchorage . . . in a winter wonderland



Snow boats: Outlines in an aerial view of snow-covered mudflats reveal a far from busy boatyard at Rochester on the river Medway, in Kent, yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Julian Haviland in the Commons

Order of the day is to steady the troops

Mr Nigel Lawson's rhetoric does not make the pulses of his listeners beat faster.

Yesterday this manner may have been deliberate, in deference to a considered Treasury judgement that there had already been too much excitement for one week.

What he had to do, as a first essential, was to steady his own troops, and convince them of his and the Cabinet's determination to do whatever might be needed to defend the pound – still an unfamiliar idea to them – and to contain inflation.

That he appeared to do, while at the same time confessing his impotence, and everyone else's to control the immense funds washing about the world.

"In no circumstances will this government take risks with inflation", he declared in the only moment of what had to pass for passion; and turning to the benches behind him, to make sure they had heard him, he was rewarded with a rather sleepy cheer.

The Chancellor's calm, 24 hours after the most acute crisis of his career, was less than Olympian but it was sufficient.

Unlike the pound, Mr Lawson may not be unsinkable. But Mr Roy Hattersley, his labour shadow, does not yet have the firepower to damage him, and yesterday's exchanges left him no lower in the water.

The first engagement was between the Prime Minister and Mr Neil Kinnock, whom she set out to douse, not quite successfully, with a stream of statistics, some of them arcane.

The Stock Exchange, she volunteered, was today 803 points higher than at its lowest point under the Labour Government.

Mr Kinnock did his patriot's duty in his opening words, when he said that speculation against the pound was both irresponsible and irrational. Then he simply enjoyed himself tweaking the Thatcher tail with questions he knew she could or would not answer, such as what more was the Government going to do to stop the currency crisis? bring strength, stop speculation, bring interest rates down and give us a secure future?

Was she going to let this shambles continue? Would she dismiss the Chancellor?

Mrs Thatcher polished the apples in the front of the Government's stall. Gross domestic product was at its highest ever level; so was fixed investment; so were retail sales.

Anyway, what would Mr Kinnock do? Put up interest rates earlier? Or later? Or not at all? He had not got a clue, she rejoiced.

Labour had the satisfaction of seeing just one or two of the symptoms of a slightly rattled Margaret Thatcher when she first patronized Mr. David Steel – always a temptation, that – and then lapsed into a prolixity which threatened to match even Mr Kinnock word for word.

One incidental difficulty over arguing, as the House did yesterday, over "the resources at the disposal" of the Chancellor was his discovery early on Monday morning that those resources had vanished into the Atlantic mists.

Mr Hattersley is generous in giving way to interrupters, but not always wise. He observed reasonably enough that the speculation against sterling was an expression of no confidence in Government policies.

If so, wondered the alert Mr George Walden, Tory MP for Buckingham, how could it also be irrational, as Mr Kinnock had said?

It must have been momentum that kept Mr Hattersley going, despite so wicked a trip. The irrationality, he explained at length, was based in part on rational judgment.

There was much yesterday that Mr Lawson did not say. Not a word more – after his Delphic offering on Monday – about whether he expects to have room for tax cuts in the Budget. No more hints of further public expenditure cuts. No indication of where he thinks interest rates may move next, or of when.

But it was clearly the duty of the nation, indeed of the whole infernal speculating world, to hope earnestly for the best.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Prince and Princess of Wales visit Horton Hospital, Epsom, Surrey, 11; and later the Prince of Wales, as President of the Royal College of Music centenary appeal, accompanied by the Princess, attends the UK premiere of the film *Amadeus* at the ABC 1 & 2, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2, 7.50.

Exhibitions in progress

New Belgian photography selected by Frank Peeters; Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr, Mon to Sat 11 to 5 (ends Feb 20).

Paintings from the Artist Studio, by Adam Bruce Thomson: The Scottish Gallery, 94 George St, Edinburgh; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 9 to 1 (ends Feb 6).

Archives for the Future: Art Gallery, The Green, Stafford; Tues to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 4 (ends Jan 19).

Paintings and drawings by Louise Catrell and landscapes by Dai Davies; City Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough: Tues to Sat 12 to 5 (ends Feb 9).

Aspects of Islands: photographs by Sam Maynard; Corridor Gallery, Viewfield Rd, Glenrothes, Fife; Mon to Fri 9 to 10pm (ends Jan 26).

Music

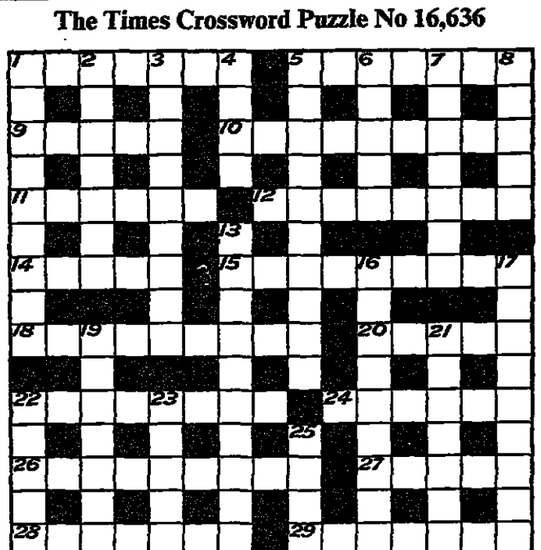
Concert by the Landini Consort; Department of Music, Manchester University, Denmark Rd, 7.30.

Bach/Handel Tercentenary concert by the Ulidian Chamber Orchester, St Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde St, Glasgow, 8.

Concert by the Alberni String Quartet with James Durrant (violin): Glasgow, 7.30.

Concert by the Hallé Orchestra; Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham, 7.30.

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ACROSS

1 Demonstrators get sprayed with water in these places (7).
5 A curious sort – and his character had an odd feature (7).
9 Green one may reach after excursion in the sand (5).
10 A steward is ordered to accept *no drink* (4-5).
11 Wild lotus eater's first disorder (6).
12 Nobbled the jury and got hugged (8).
14 Complete free lance (5).
15 In gold found hidden the right is reserved (9).
18 A big noise, always a criminal (9).
20 Arranged to meet in square (5).
22 Homer's translator not the man to reserve this publication (4-4).
24 Listen to inhuman yarn (6).
26 Daring action in one who believes *all is lost* (9).
27 Said to be transported by a girl (5).
28 A stand for fans in the veranda (7).
29 Hem in, as when bees swarm round one, for example (7).

DOWN

1 Athletics runner with a high performance (6,3).
2 Humble parish priest, after he died a saint (7).
3 Medieval port in the clutches of the Orient. What drama! (4,5).
4 It's a short bit that goes round the middle (4).
5 Like the atonement of an Hon. Member (Cons) under Communist direction (10).
6 Proverbially self-made as a reaper (5).
7 *An indefinite example* of this thing (7).
8 Somehow dread being challenged (5).
13 Wordsworth made it 3ft×2ft this way (4,2,4).
16 Army command to prepare for war? (5,4).
17 Big movement in public opinion – what a bore (5,4).
19 Bargain loudly in the middle of a *rubber* (6).
21 Motoring accessory used in drag-racing? (3-4).
22 Younger son and rebel, the last in Kent (5).
23 The graduate admits looking exhausted, Sir (5).
25 Put out counterfoil (4).

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CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

Talks, lectures

Behind the scenes in a Conservation Laboratory, by John Greenwood; Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Rd, Doncaster, 1.45.

Recent barrow excavations in Derbyshire, by John Collis; Graves Art Gallery, Surrey St, Sheffield, 12.30.

The Brontés in the Schoolroom, by Margaret Lane; Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, The King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury, 2.30.

Anniversaries

Births: André Michelin, pioneer of manufacture of pneumatic tyres, Paris, *1853*; Edward Gordon Craig, theatre designer, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, 1872; Robert Service, verse writer ("The Shooting of Dan McGrew"), Preston, Lancashire, 1874; Sir Ian Hamilton, general commanding the Gallipoli landings *in 1915*, Corfu, *1853*.

Deaths: Edward Gibbon, historian, London, 1794; Sir John Moore, killed at the battle of Corunna, 1809; Leo Delibes, composer, Paris, 1891.

Feed the birds

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds reminded bird lovers that regular feeding is crucial during very cold weather. Suitable table scraps include bacon fat, suet, bone, cheese rind, apples, nuts and bread; raw peanuts (unsalted), sunflower seeds or wild bird seed mixtures are available in many shops. To make a bird cake, melt ½lb suet or lard and pour over a 1lb mixture of seeds, nuts, oatmeal, cheese, dried *fruit or scraps*, and pour into halved coconut shells or yogurt cartons. When firm, the cakes can be hung or placed on the bird table. Supplies of water are essential for drinking or bathing, and restore the insulating properties of the feathers.

Two leaflets, *Feeding Garden Birds* and *Birds and Water* are free (with a large s.a.e.) from the RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Beds. Tel. 0767 80551.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Motions on rate support grants for England and for Wales.

Lords (2.30): Debates on disarmament, on relations with the United States, and on a cross-Channel link.

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New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Helmut Schmidt, Helmsman of Germany, by Jonathan Carr (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95)
Living with Koestler, Mamaine Koestler's Letters 1945-51, edited by Celia Goodman (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95)
Prefaces to Shakespeare's Plays, by A L Rowse (Orbis, £10)
The Jews of Islam, by Bernard Lewis (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £18.95)
The Oxford Companion to the American Theatre, by Gerald Bordman (Oxford, £35)
The Quakers and the English Revolution, by Barry Reay (Temple Smith, £12.95)
The Swiss Army, La Place de la Concorde Suisse, by John McPhee (Faber, £8.95)
The Thomson Empire, the First Fifty Years, by Susan Goldenberg (Sidgwick & Jackson, £10.95)
Thomas More, by Richard Marius (Dent, £16.95)
Wales, A History, by Wynford Vaughan-Thomas (Michael Joseph, £12.95)

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Roads

Wales and West: A31: Lane closures on the westbound carriageway between Ferndown and Ringwood at Tricketts Cross, Dorset, due to building of an underpass. A40: Contraflow on the Westgage Gyratory system, Gloucester; diversions signed; delays. A38: Lane closures on both carriageways on the Plymouth to Ivybridge Road at the Hash Mills viaduct. **The North:** M621: Major roadworks between Gilderstone and Beeston, near Leeds, on north and southbound carriageways. A1: Roadworks at Esbott, S of Felton, Northumberland. M6: Lane restrictions on both carriageways between junctions 32 and 33 Preston to Garstang stretch; raising of the central safety barriers and bridge safety barriers.

Scotland: A904: Road improvement between the M9 (junction 6) and Falkirk; delays likely Monday to Friday. A904: Grangepans Rd, Bo'ness, closed due to subsidence; *diversion in operation.*

Travel information

More snow and freezing temperatures are forecast today, and the RAC advises motorists to drive with extreme care. Drivers must keep their distance from other vehicles, use dipped headlights and generally slow down.

British Telecom's pre-recorded Traveline service gives regularly updated information on travel in *Britain and on the Continent*, including details of weather conditions, strikes or other problems likely to affect travellers. *Rail: 01-246 8030*: Road: (including coach services) 01-246 8031; Sea: 01-246 8032: Air: 01-246 8033. For regional codes, see front of dialling code booklets.

The papers

The Daily Star, commenting on the pound, says "despite all the excuses now on offer, the Government has no one to blame but itself". The paper adds: "Of course it is true that foreign exchange speculators have caused the plunge. But it was the Government which chose to allow sterling to rise and fall freely – and refused the safety net of the European monetary system – making sterling the speculators' favourite target".

The Daily Express, commenting on the "economic debate about the March budget", says: "Despite his immediate sterling problems, Chancellor Nigel Lawson should stick fast. The March budget should be about continuing the radical programme of creating a low tax, high productivity economy.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.425	1.365
Austria Sch	25.85	24.65
Belgium Fr	74.25	70.25
Canada $	1.535	1.468
Denmark Kr	13.25	12.60
Finland Mkk	7.79	7.39
France Fr	11.30	10.75
Germany Dm	3.68	3.51
Greece Dr	184.00	163.00
Hong Kong $	9.10	8.50
Ireland Pt	1.193	1.133
Italy Lire	2270.00	2160.00
Japan Yen	299.00	283.00
Netherlands Gld	4.19	3.99
Norway Kr	10.72	10.22
Portugal Esc	201.00	191.00
South Africa Rd	2.84	2.69
Spain Pta	202.00	193.00
Sweden Kr	10.55	10.05
Switzerland Fr	3.09	2.95
USA $	1.16	1.11
Yugoslavia Dnr	280.00	260.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank

Retail Price Index: 358.8.

London: The *FT* Index closed up 12.5 at 961.8.

Snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Pists	Conditions Off Pists	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm) –	°C
Andermatt	45	160	good	varied	varied	snow	–6
Andorra-Soldeu	15	45	fair	varied	poor	fine	–18
Arosa	50	75	good	powder	good	snow	–8
Courmayeur	40	140	good	powder	fair	cloud	–8
Grindelwald	20	70	fair	varied	fair	cloud	–9
Igls	15	50	good	varied	fair	cloud	–1
Klosters	30	120	good	heavy	poor	cloud	–7
Leysin	20	70	fair	heavy	fair	cloud	–3
Murren	40	130	fair	varied	fair	fair	–7
St Anton	30	160	fair	crust	fair	cloud	–6
Seefeld	30	35	worn	powder	fair	fine	–4
Tignes	45	70	good	crust	fair	snow	–6
Val Thorens	50	125	fair	varied	poor	fair	–12
Verbier	20	120	variable	poor	varied	snow	–8
Villars	15	70	fair	varied	poor	snow	–15
Zermatt	25	80	fair	varied	fair	cloud	–5

In the above report, supplied by the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been supplied by a tourist board:

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
GERMANY					
Berchtesgaden	20	pwdr	–		–7
Garmisch	20	pwdr	–		–10
Hindelang	30	pwdr	–		–14
Kleinwalsertal	50	pwdr	–		–15
Mittenwald	20	pwdr	–		–18
Oberammergau	30	pwdr	–		–16
Oberjoch	70	pwdr	–		–13
Oberstdorf	28	pwdr	–		–21

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Upper runs: runs complete – wide cover of hard packed snow. Middle runs and lower slops: runs complete, hard packed snow. Vertical runs: 1,600 ft. Hill roads: slight snow. Main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000 ft. Glenshee: Upper runs: snow cover patchy. New snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: limited nursery srees. New snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 500 ft. Hill roads: slight snow. Main roads: slight snow. Snow level: 2,000 ft. Glencoe: Insufficient snow for ski-ing. Lecht: Upper runs and middle runs: complete, wide cover of new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: ample nursery srees. New snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 700 ft. Hill roads: clear. Main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000 ft.

Weather forecast

A northeasterly airflow continues to cover the United Kingdom.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, SW England, East Anglia; Midlands, Chanel Islands, S Wales: Bright or sunny intervals, occasional snow; wind NE light; max temp 0C (32F).

E, NW, central N, NE England, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Mostly cloudy, occasional snow, heavy over hills; wind NE light or moderate; max temp 2C (36F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Northern Ireland: Bright or sunny intervals at first, scattered snow showers becoming more prolonged; wind NE light or moderate; max temp 3C (37F).

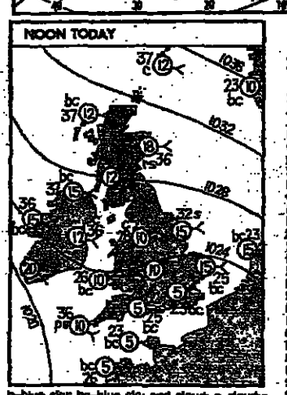
Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Bright or sunny intervals, scattered snow showers; wind E light or moderate; max temp 4C (39F).

Argyll, NW Scotland: Bright or sunny intervals; scattered snow showers later; wind E light; max temp 4C (39F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Cold or very cold with further snow at times, more especially in the east, and widespread frost.

SEA PASSAGES: S, North Sea: Wind easterly fresh, occasionally strong; wintry showers; visibility good; sea moderate. English Channel (E), Strait of Dover: Wind easterly light or moderate; wintry showers; visibility mainly moderate; sea slight. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind east to southeast light or moderate; mainly fair; visibility moderate or good; sea slight.





b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

Sun rises: 7.59 am Sun sets: 4.23 pm

Moon rises: 3.27 am Moon sets: 12.13 pm

New Moon: January 21.

Lighting-up time

London 4.53 pm to 7.26 am
Bristol 5.02 pm to 7.37 am
Edinburgh 4.43 pm to 8.02 am
Manchester 4.52 pm to 7.45 am
Penzance 5.20 pm to 7.44 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	s	4	39	Guernsey	c	–1	30
Birmingham	c	–3	27	Inverness	f	1	34
Blackpool	s	0	32	Jersey	sn	–1	30
Bristol	f	–1	30	London	s	–2	28
Cardiff	c	–1	30	Manchester	sn	0	32
Edinburgh	sn	1	34	Newcastle	sn	0	32
Glasgow	s	3	37	Ronaldsway	sn	2	36

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am. to 6 pm, –1C (30F); min 6 pm to 6 am, –3C (27F). Humidity: 6 pm, 78 per cent. Rainc 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 2.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,023.8 millibars, steady 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Fair Isle, 6C (41F); lowest day max: Brighton, –4C (25F); highest rainfall: Blackpool 6.4in; highest sunshine: Cleeton 0.7hr.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.58	6.2	9.52	6.3
Aberdeen	9.11	3.5	9.31	3.7
Avonmouth	2.18	10.9	2.50	11.0
Belfast	6.45	2.9	7.12	3.0
Cardiff	2.03	10.1	2.36	10.3
Devonport	12.45	4.7	1.17	4.7
Dover	6.14	5.8	6.39	5.5
Falmouth	12.15	4.5	12.47	4.5
Glasgow	8.22	4.1	8.39	4.3
Harwich	6.54	3.3	7.48	3.2
Holyhead	5.56	4.6	6.22	4.8
Hull	1.03	6.6	2.05	6.5
Ilfracombe	1.00	7.4	1.34	7.5
Leith	10.13	4.8	10.42	4.9
Liverpool	6.38	7.8	7.07	8.0
Lowestoft	4.33	2.3	5.36	2.0
Margate	7.00	4.2	7.58	4.1
Milford Haven	1.23	5.6	1.55	5.8
Newquay	12.23	5.7	12.54	5.9
Oban	1.18	3.0	1.58	3.2
Penzance	12.02	4.7	12.32	4.7
Portland	1.45	1.5	2.12	1.6
Portsmouth	6.515	4.1	7.29	3.8
Shoreham	6.26	6.3	7.07	6.1
Southampton	6.25	4.1	7.02	3.9
Swansea	1.33	7.8	2.05	7.8
Tees	11.42	4.4	–	–
Walton-on-Naze	6.45	3.6	7.44	3.5

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	1.8	.04	1	34	snow
Bridlington	0.9	.11	1	34	snow pm
Cromer	–	–	0	32	snow
Gt Yarmouth	–	.06	–1	30	snow
Clacton	–	.70	0	32	snow
Margate	–	.43	–2	28	snow
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	–	.20	–2	28	snow
Hastings	–	.29	–3	27	snow
Eastbourne	0.4	.11	–3	27	snow
Brighton	–	.22	–4	25	snow
Worthing					
Littlehampton					
Bognor R	3.5	–	0	32	snow
Southsea	3.7	–	–1	30	snow
Sandown	4.2	–	–1	30	snow
Shanklin	3.7	–	–2	28	sunny
Bournemth	4.2	–	–1	30	bright
Poole	4.9	–	–1	30	snow
Swanage	4.7	–	–1	30	snow
Weymouth	4.1	–	–2	28	snow
Exmouth	4.8	.01	0	32	snow am
Teignmouth	2.9	.01	0	32	snow am
Torquay	2.7	.01	0	32	snow am
Falmouth	4.0	–	2	36	sunny
Penzance	3.5	.02	3	37	snow
Jersey	3.4	.31	0	32	snow
Guernsey	0.5	.07	1	34	snow
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	1.3	–	5	41	snow pm
Newquay	4.7	–	2	36	snow am
Ilfracombe	3.2	–	3	37	snow am
Tenby	4.9	–	2	36	sunny
Colwyn Bay	1.9	–	3	37	bright am
Southport	3.5	.01	2	36	sunny pm
Morecambe	4.6	.01	1	34	snow
Douglas	–	.03	2	36	snow pm
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Ctrl)	2.2	.02	–1	30	snow
S'hem (Airpt)	0.9	.14	–2	28	snow am
Bristol (Ctrl)	3.3	.03	0	32	snow am
Cardiff (Ctrl)	4.1	.02	0	32	snow am
Anglesey					
B'pool (Airpt)	5.4	–	1	34	snow am
Manchester	1.7	.08	–1	30	snow
Nottingham	2.4	.09	–1	30	snow
N'cstl-n-Tyne	0.3	.08	2	36	snow
Carlisle	2.7	.01	1	34	snow
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	1.2	.19	0	32	snow
Prestwick	3.8	–	2	36	bright
Glasgow	1.9	–	3	37	snow
Tiree	3.0	–	4	39	sunny am
Stornoway	4.3	–	5	41	sunny
Lerwick	–	–	5	41	showers
Wick	–	–	4	39	showers am
Kinloss	4.7	–	3	37	sunny
Aberdeen	0.3	.06	2	36	snow pm
St Andrews	–	.04	3	37	showers
Edinburgh	0.1	.07	3	37	snow
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	2.5	.02	4	39	snow

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F
Algeciro	r	9	48	Cologne	s	–9	16
Alicante	s	18	64	Copenhgn	c	–1	30
Alexandria	f	20	68	Corfu	s	14	57
Algiers	r	4	39	Dublin	c	5	41
Amsterdam	sn	–9	16	Dubrovnik	c	10	50
Athens	c	10	50	Faro	s	7	45
Bahrain	s	24	75	Florence	c	5	41
Barbados*	c	28	82	Frankfurt	sn	–3	27
Barcelona	s	0	32	Funchal	f	16	61
Beirut	c	17	63	Geneva	sn	–7	19
Belgrade	f	0	32	Gibraltar*	c	11	52
Berlin	c	–5	19	Helsinki	sn	–11	12
Bermuda*	f	17	63	Hongkong	s	15	59
Biarritz	s	–1	30	Innsbruck	s	–11	12
Boulogne	sn	–6	16	New York*	s	4	39
Bordeaux	s	–5	16	Istanbul	c	8	41
Brussels	f	–10	14	Jeddah			
Budapest	f	–2	28	Jo'burg			
Buen Aires	f	26	79	Karachi	c	24	75
Cairo	f	20	68	Las Palmas	f	18	64
Cape Tn	f	26	79	Lisbon	s	5	41
Cyprus	f	12	54	Locarno	sn	–1	30
Chicago*	sn	–4	25	L Angeles*	s	13	55
Christch*	f	19	66	Luxemburg	c	–12	10
				Madrid	c	0	32
				Majorca	c	4	39
				Malaga	s	7	45
				Malta*	f	14	57
				Melbourne	c	20	68
				Mexico C*	s	17	63
				Miami*	s	18	64
				Milan	sn	–1	30
				Montreal*	f	–9	16
				Moscow	c	–9	16
				Munich	s	–10	14
				Nairobi	r	25	77
				Naples	r	9	47
				New Delhi	s	25	68
				New York*	s	4	39
				Nice	f	9	48
				Oslo	f	–9	16
				Paris	sn	–7	19
				Peking	s	1	34
				Perth	s	30	86
				Prague	f	–3	27
				Reykjavik	r	6	43
				Rhodes	s	14	57
				Rio de Jan	s	29	79
				Rome	r	9	48
				Salzburg	s	–4	25
				Sao Paulo*	c	26	79
				S Francisco*	c	9	48
				Santiago*	s	37	99
				Seoul			
				Singapore	s	30	86
				Stockholm	c	–5	23
				Strasbourg	f	–8	18
				Sydney	s	37	99
				Tangier	s	16	61
				Tel Aviv	f	19	66
				Tenerife	c	18	64
				Tokyo	s	5	41
				Toronto	sn	–2	28
				Tunis	f	12	54
				Valencia	s	4	39
				Vancouver*	f	4	39
				Venice	c	0	32
				Vienna	sn	–5	27
				Warsaw	s	–9	16
				Washington*	f	7	45
				Wellington*	s	20	68
				Zurich	s	10	14

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